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Message to Iran that it must accept peace

Iraqi jets raid 10 oil installations

BAGHDAD, June 24, (Agencies): Iraqi warplanes attacked 10 Iranian oil installations yesterday in a new wave of bombing raids aimed at crippling Tehran's economic backbone while tightening the pressure in the land war.

The official Iraqi News Agency said six production installations in the Ahvaz oilfields in southwestern Khuzestan province were set on fire in the first air strikes.

Missions

Two installations at the Bibi Hakimah oilfield, 120 miles (192 kilometres) to the southeast were also bombed and set ablaze, INA reported.

Another formation of jets hit two pumping stations at the Gash Saran field north of Bibi Hakimah, leaving them

shrouded in flames and smoke, the agency said.

INA said its jet fighters flew 113 missions and its helicopter gunships 30 missions and all returned safely to their bases.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency reported that Iraqi jets bombed "a residential area and labour quarters" in the Ahvaz area, killing one civilian.

The agency said other unspecified areas were also bombed. INA denied that residential areas had been hit, saying the bombing "was confined to striking installations at oilfields and Iranian military positions."

INA quoted a military communiqué as saying the raids were a message to Tehran that it has lost the war in all fields and that there is no alternative to save Iran but to accept peace.

Yesterday's raids were the first significant attacks on Iran's vital oil installations on land since

early May, when fighter-bombers attacked several oil refineries and petrochemical plants. The Air Force has also attacked several Iranian oil tankers in the Gulf in its campaign to choke off Iran's oil exports which Tehran needs to pay for its war effort.

The Iranian Navy will launch its first locally-manufactured tugboat in the next few weeks, the IRNA reported.

Hasty

At the United Nations, Iraq said yesterday the secretary-general's decision to send a mission to investigate allegations of chemical warfare by Iraq was a "hasty response to unsubstantiated Iranian allegations and lies."

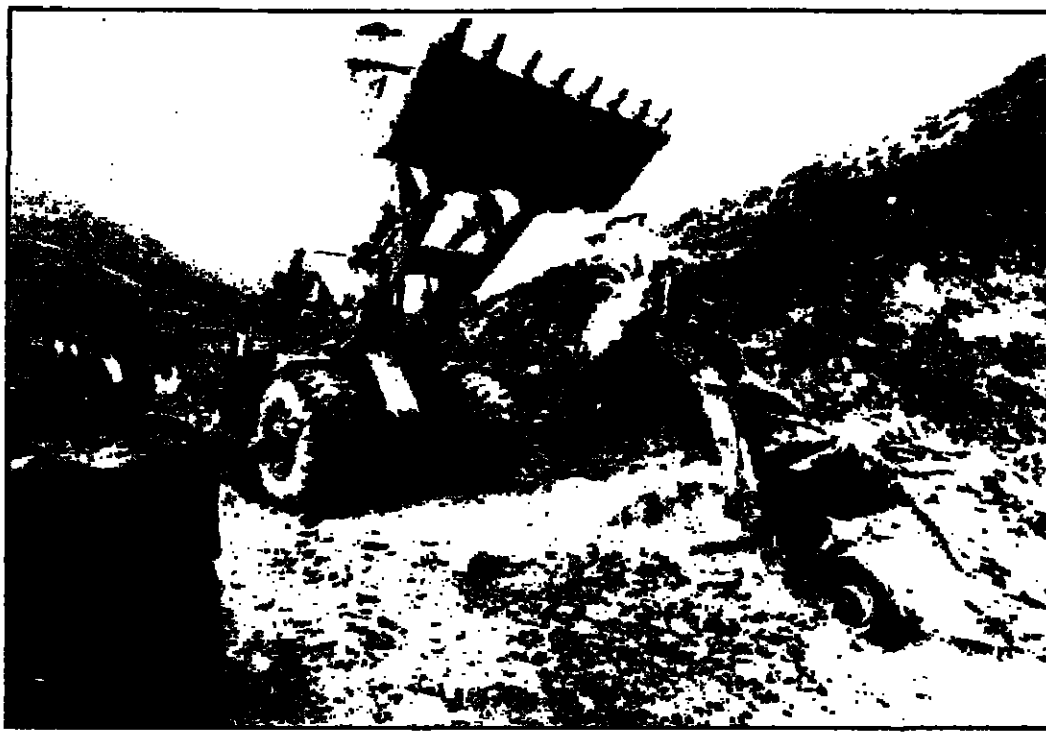
A statement by the mission said the fact that Iran asked to postpone the mission confirms that Iran has no evidence to back up these fabrications.

Iran has been asking the UN secretariat for weeks to dispatch a mission to the Bancha area where Iran claims Iraq had used chemical weapons. But on Wednesday, Iran said it was not ready to receive the mission.

The US Senate today condemned the use of nerve gas in the Iran-Iraq war and urged President Reagan to pursue aggressively an international agreement to ban production and stockpiling of all chemical weapons.

In London, armed forces Minister of State Ian Stewart said that Britain, the Netherlands and Belgium are forming a joint mine-sweeping task force in the Gulf to be headed by a British Navy officer.

Meanwhile, shipping sources in Manama said that the mine-damaged US missile frigate Samuel B. Roberts has been refloated prior to loading aboard a special cargo vessel for the trip home.



Bulldozer pulls out the wreckage of a truck crushed under tonnes of earth after the landslide. (Reuters wirephoto)

Zia opens world's 'largest' mosque

ISLAMABAD, June 24, (Agencies): Pakistan President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq today formally opened a mosque described as world's biggest, nine days after making the Islamic sharia legal code his country's supreme law.

The cavernous main hall of the \$45 million Shah Faisal Mosque in Islamabad was packed with 10,000 men, women and children as General Zia strode in surrounded by bodyguards.

Thousands more gathered outside under a blazing sun in an afternoon temperature of 38 degrees Centigrade (100 degrees Fahrenheit).

Zia did not make a speech during the 90-minute ceremony, but after prayers he mingled briefly with worshippers sitting in neat rows on a blue carpet under a giant chandelier.

Women peered through carved marble screens separating them from the men.

Campaign

Diplomats have said the opening of the mosque, with its futuristic design, was timed to coincide with Zia's campaign to run Pakistan on strict Islamic lines.

Zia's critics argue the campaign is a smokescreen to confuse his political opponents. Zia sacked Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo on May 29, accusing his administration of inefficiency and corruption, and of failing to promote Islam in this country of 100 million people.

Zia empowered superior courts to strike down Pakistani laws which conflict with sharia.

He has also ordered civil servants to observe daily prayers. The mosque, described as the biggest in the world by Pakistani officials who helped oversee its construction, is set in 184 hectares (46 acres) of grounds.

Zia had supervised the construction, which began in 1978 with funds donated by the late King Faisal of Saudi Arabia.

The Faisal Mosque, can accommodate 10,000 people in its prayer hall and 100,000 people in its granite-covered courtyards. It was designed by Turkish architect Vedat Dalokay.

It is shaped like a bedouin tent with no central supporting pillars, with towering minarets at each corner.

75 feared dead

Landslide buries a Turkish village

CATAK, Turkey, June 24 (Reuters): Falling rocks halted rescue work at the buried Turkish village of Catak today, badly injuring one man and forcing searchers to race for safety.

Rocks bounced down the mountain side towards onlookers at the site, where hope is fading that survivors will still be found from a landslide yesterday.

The deputy governor of the nearby Black Sea port of Trabzon, Erkan Isilgan, said up to 75 people could have been buried yesterday. He dismissed an estimate by the Turkish Red Crescent that the death toll could be 300.

Rescue

As search operations continued this afternoon, the blast of police whistles sent hundreds of rescue workers, journalists and members of the security forces clambering for safety over the mud.

The rock fall, about 36 hours after half a million tonnes of mud and rock struck the Black Sea

village, forced total evacuation of the site.

A member of a West German rescue team which flew in early today said the searchers were unlikely to work after dark because of the danger of further falling rocks. Three West Germans are reported missing.

Wolfgang Kretschmer, from Stuttgart, said that just before the latest rock fall, rescuers had been concentrating on the site of a restaurant buried under tonnes of rubble.

Estimate

Kretschmer highlighted the uncertainty over the possible death toll, saying he had been told about 100 people were in the restaurant when the landslide hit at breakfast time yesterday.

The Turkish Red Crescent said up to 300 of the village's 1,000 residents could have been killed when the landslide smothered buildings, including a school, cars and buses.

Isilgan said: "I do not know how and why the Red Crescent (Continued on Page 2)

Rajiv sacks two chief ministers

NEW DELHI, June 24, (Reuters): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi dismissed two state chief ministers, and a government spokesman said he had called Finance Minister Narain Dutt Tiwari home from London.

The announcement immediately triggered speculation of a cabinet reshuffle.

Tiwari is from Uttar Pradesh, the politically important northern state whose Chief Minister Vir Bahadur Singh, ruling party sources said, was told to step down yesterday.

Tiwari's summons home from London meetings, where he was seeking foreign investment in India, suggested he would replace Singh, the sources in Rajiv's Congress (I) party said.

Changes

They said a cabinet reshuffle and changes in the party to prepare for general elections due by the end of 1989 were expected after the party's poor performance in June 16 by-elections.

S.B. Chavan, Chief Minister of Maharashtra, centred on Bombay, India's financial capital, was also told to step down as part of Rajiv's move to make changes in the party, the sources said.

Tiwari was made chief minister of Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state, in 1984 to prepare it for a general election Rajiv called that year after taking over from his assassinated mother, Indira.

Tiwari was brought to New Delhi the following year as industry minister and replaced Vishwanath Pratap Singh as finance minister in 1987. V.P. Singh was shifted to defence, and soon forced to resign.

Accusing

The two could face each other in Uttar Pradesh. V.P. Singh, who has waged a campaign accusing the Rajiv government of corruption since quitting office, was the opposition candidate who handed Congress an embarrassing defeat in a parliamentary by-election in Uttar Pradesh last week.

The state provides 85 of the 544 members of parliament's lower house, including Rajiv, and is a barometer of trends in the electorally crucial Hindi-speaking belt in northern India.

Chavan was being replaced to curb growing dissent in the Congress Party in Maharashtra, the sources said.

Pro-Iranian Bahrainis jailed

BAHRAIN, June 24, (Reuters): A state security court has jailed nine Bahrainis for up to five years for belonging to an anti-government Islamic group.

The prosecution said the men were members of the outlawed Islamic Front for the Liberation of Bahrain, a group bent on overthrowing the government of the Gulf Arab state. Security sources said the group was based in Tehran.

Four men were sentenced to five years' imprisonment and the other five to three-year terms by a three-man bench.

The court-appointed lawyer Abdul Shaheed Khalaf said the defendants, detained in July 1986, ranged in age from 16 to 23.

Prostitution ring

PARIS, June 24, (AP): Police broke up a prostitution ring that employed 165 Caribbean immigrants in France and West Germany, sources said.

Boy sacrificed

NEW DELHI, June 24, (AP): A four-year-old boy was sacrificed by a village neighbour in central India in a futile attempt to find a buried treasure, the UNI said.

UNI quoted police as saying the boy was lured by a neighbour to a hidden site where a treasure was believed buried. He was killed at the site, but no treasure was found, police told the news agency.

British hostages to be freed soon

Waite 'taken to Iran'

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, June 24, (Agencies): Church of England envoy Terry Waite and some other hostages held in Lebanon have been taken to Iran where they will be freed soon, Al Khaleej newspaper has reported.

It quoted "informed Lebanese sources" in its front page report, which said the other hostages involved "are believed to be British too."

Editor Ghassan Tahboub, when contacted, declined to identify the sources and stressed that the hostage issue was "delicate and complicated."

Agreement

The daily said Waite and other hostages were moved from their kidnappers' hideouts in the Shiite-dominated slums of south Beirut by Iranian Revolutionary Guards last month.

The Revolutionary Guards had been fighting alongside guerrillas of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah against the Shiite Amal militia in the slums.

The guards moved out of south Beirut under a ceasefire agreement brokered by Syria and

Iran that ended three weeks of fierce fighting, Al Khaleej reported.

It said the guards, along with Waite and other captives, went first to the Syrian capital of Damascus and then to Tehran.

It was not clear if the Syrians were aware the hostages were being moved.

The daily said the captives "are expected to be released within the coming few days."

Other reports have said the hostages are held in a Hezbollah barracks ringed by Syrian troops in south Beirut.

It came amid signs of a thaw in the strained relations between Tehran and London.

Optimistic

Four British legislators left Tehran Wednesday after an unofficial three-day mission to improve ties between Britain and Iran.

Iran's Charge d'Affaires in London, Mohammad Akhond Zadeh, said Wednesday after the British mission returned that he was "very optimistic" that an improvement in Anglo-Iranian relations would lead to

the British captives being freed.

The British government denies that the contacts involved negotiations with the kidnappers.

Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, adamantly opposing any deal for the release of British hostages in Lebanon, said yesterday in London that any major improvement in Anglo-Iranian diplomatic relations is up to Tehran.

Contacts

Howe put a damper on rising hopes that the recent series of Anglo-Iranian contacts could lead to the early return of a British diplomat to Tehran and negotiations for the British hostages.

At a luncheon of the Association of American Correspondents, he said the private visit of British lawmakers to Tehran had not changed Britain's policy towards Iran or the hostages.

Roger Cooper, a British businessman, jailed two and a half years ago on charges of spying in Iran, has written from his prison cell urging London to improve relations with Tehran.

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WEATHER

TEMPERATURE remains around normal with light north-westerly wind.

State of sea: slight

High water: 7.00 am, 8.00 pm

Low water: 1.00 am, 2.00 pm

Sunrise: 4.50 am

Sunset: 6.51 pm

Maximum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 40°C 104°F

Ahmad: 38°C 100°F

Falaka: 36°C 97°F

Minimum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 25°C 77°F

Ahmad: 27°C 81°F

Falaka: 28°C 82°F

Maximum (temperature) expected: Kuwait: 41°C 106°F

Ahmad: 39°C 102°F

Falaka: 37°C 99°F

Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 28 per cent

Ahmad: 35 per cent

Falaka: 37 per cent

Maximum humidity expected: Kuwait: 30 per cent

Ahmad: 37 per cent

Falaka: 39 per cent

Fingerprints only once

By Sayed Othman

PEOPLE who have been fingerprinted once, will not have to undergo the process again, the director of the Criminal Investigation Department at the Ministry of Interior Brig. Mansour Al Ibrahim has said.

The Civil Identification card number provided to each person would suffice to obtain their respective files and fingerprint records, he added. The new rule, aimed at avoiding inconvenience to residents and streamlining the workload.

Population

Al Ibrahim also said, the department has almost completed the registration and classification of fingerprints for the entire population of Kuwait.

Fingerprints of more than 1,345,000 people have been taken till June 19 of this year. This is about 98 per cent of the total population of Kuwait.

However, he added, the registration and classification of fingerprints will continue as there are many new arrivals in Kuwait and others are reaching the age when fingerprinting becomes mandatory.

The director disclosed that the department is planning to use computers to store and classify fingerprints. He said, this would solve the problem of delays related to fingerprint applications.

Ten injured

Settlers shoot at Palestinians

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 24, (Agencies): A Jewish settler stabbed by an Arab chased his attacker through a crowded marketplace and shot him in the occupied West Bank town of Hebron today, the Army said.

In Nablus in the West Bank, another Jewish settler shot and wounded nine Palestinians when he fired on stone throwers who pelted his car after Friday prayers, Arab and hospital sources said. Witnesses said the man was bleeding in the arm.

The incidents were the most serious since a communiqué issued on Wednesday by the underground leadership of a six-month Palestinian uprising called for an escalation of attacks on Israelis.

Violence

In Hebron, a flashpoint of Arab-Israeli violence, settler Yona Haikin, 35, was returning from shopping when he was stabbed in the chest and back, Israel Radio said.

Haikin, who fired his pistol once and missed, chased his Palestinian attacker for more than 50 metres (yards) before trapping him at a roadblock and shooting him in the stomach.

The Israeli was in serious but stable condition. The Palestinian's condition was not

immediately known.

Two Israeli paratroopers pressed their clubs against the faces of two Palestinians near the Amari refugee camp and one soldier shouted: "This is the last time we want to see you on the street."

"You are a dog," shouted the other soldier. "Say that all Arabs are stupid." The Palestinians, who were stopped while driving a relative to the hospital, did not respond.

Power

The incident today, witnessed by a reporter from the window of a nearby home in the camp, appeared to be part of a new Army effort to frighten potential troublemakers off the streets. Similar reports of Army scare tactics have come from other West Bank cities.

The Army today released 89 Arab detainees, and prisoners, agreeing to requests by prominent Palestinians. Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, as he departed for a week-long visit to the United States, said there would be more releases as long as the territories remain quiet.

Israel's major cities, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip all lost electrical power yesterday and a police spokesman said authorities were investigating whether power lines had been sabotaged.

Arafat willing to meet Americans

BELGRADE, June 24, (Reuters): Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said today he is willing to meet American officials to discuss ways of solving the Palestinian question, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said.

The PLO chairman made the statement during an official visit to Yugoslavia, which supports the Palestinian cause.

Visit

Arafat "said he was ready to meet an official American representative and discuss the solution of the Palestinian question and the crisis in the Middle East," Tanjug reported.

Arafat made the remark dur-

ing a visit to Tanjug head office in reply to a question asking whether the PLO had sent an official document to the White House on PLO relations with Israel, Tanjug said.

He was accompanied by one of his closest advisers, Bassam Abu Sharif, who recently wrote an article published in London in the Middle East Mirror on Israel and Middle East peace prospects.

The article apparently softened the PLO line against Israel, endorsing United Nations resolutions that assert Israel's right to exist, and proclaiming "we (the PLO) are ready for peace now."

Its publication prompted the United States to question whether it was an authoritative PLO statement or only Bassam's personal views.

Asked if the article was an "authentic PLO statement," Arafat was quoted by Tanjug as saying: "I will not tell this to you, but only to an American representative."

Amateur

"With the Israelis I can only talk at an international conference. I am not an amateur in politics. I am president of the PLO," Arafat added, as quoted by Tanjug.

"Arafat today clearly confir-

med that the PLO accepts all UN resolutions, including resolutions 242 and 338," Tanjug said.

Arafat also denied that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev had recently suggested that the PLO should recognise Israel, it added. "It was incorrectly interpreted," Arafat said.

The PLO leader recalled that the United States had stated the key to settling the Middle East crisis "lies in the PLO's acceptance of UN resolution 242," Tanjug said.

He said he had publicly asserted this in Addis Ababa in front of UN Secretary-General Javier

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INTERNATIONAL

Differences between Luanda and Pretoria emerge

Angola peace talks open

CAIRO, June 24, (Reuters): Four-party talks on ending the 13-year-old war in Angola began in Cairo today but differences quickly emerged between Luanda and Pretoria, diplomats said.

South African Foreign Minister P. W. Botha and Defence Minister Magnus Malan submitted proposals believed to envisage a more rapid withdrawal of some 50,000 Cuban troops in Angola than the four-year timetable suggested by Havana.

"Apart from the fact that we received the proposal a month and a half late, it's not really a proposal at all," said a high-ranking Angolan diplomat.

"It does not even respond to our proposal. It's unacceptable," he told Reuters.

The official was speaking during a break in preliminary talks between delegates from Angola,

Cuba, and the United States. They met at Cairo's Al Salam hotel while Botha and Malan visited graves of compatriots killed in Egypt during World War Two.

Differences

Cuban delegates at the three-and-a-half-hour morning session confirmed there were serious differences between the positions of Pretoria and Luanda.

The US team, led by Assistant Secretary of State Chester Crocker, sat at the head of a U-shaped table with the South Africans to the left and the Angolans and Cubans to the right.

The United States acts as chairman and mediator in the negotiations, which started in London in early May, while Cuba and Angola form a joint delegation.

Angola's team is led by Foreign Minister Afonso Van-Dunem. Cuban Communist Party politburo member Jorge Risquet, an Africa specialist, heads Havana's.

Bush war

At stake in the talks are the linked issues of ending the Angolan bush war and independence for Namibia, ruled by Pretoria in defiance of UN resolutions.

South African units inside southern Angola are fighting alongside Angolan UNITA rebels — who also have US backing — against Angolan government forces bolstered by the Cubans.

Earlier, Botha said he was ready to discuss withdrawal of foreign troops from Angola as a condition for Namibian independence.

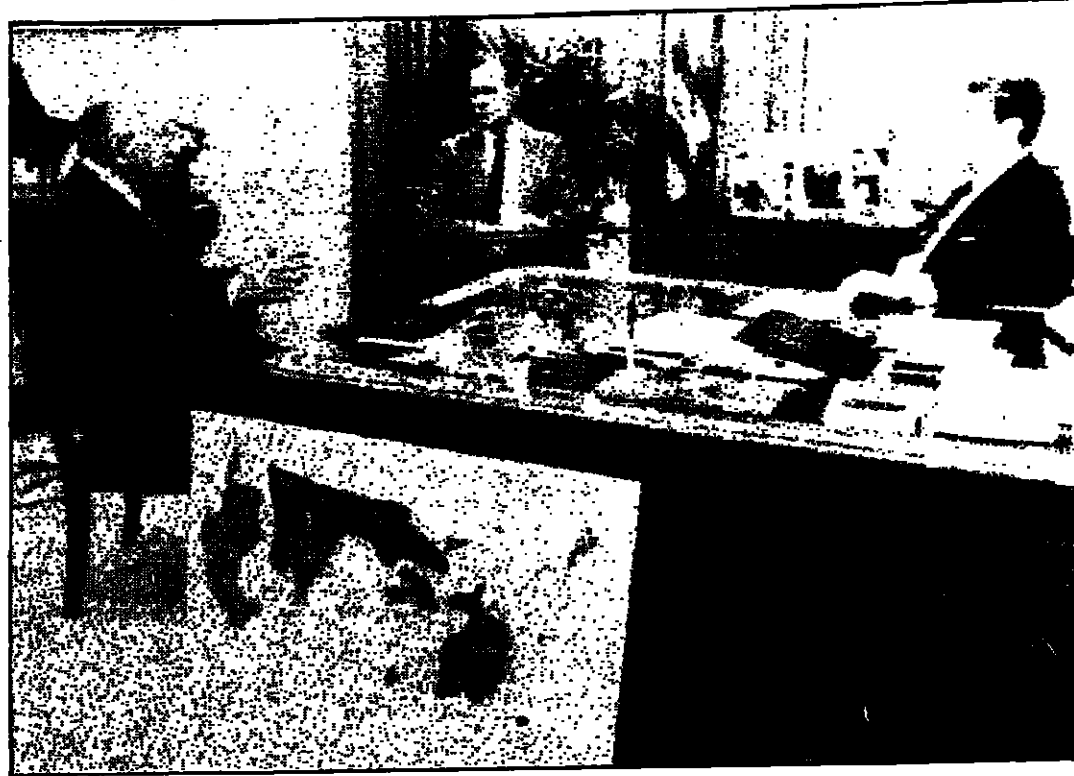
"It does not matter where we start as long as we get down to the

main subject of these discussions, namely the withdrawal of foreign troops from Angola as a prerequisite for the implementation of a (Namibia) settlement based on (UN resolution) 435," Botha told reporters.

Resolution 435, passed 10 years ago, calls for Namibian independence and UN-sponsored elections. South Africa has resisted the plan, saying the Cuban forces in Angola threaten its security.

The Cubans have bolstered their presence by an additional 10,000 soldiers in the last two months, Western military sources say.

According to South Africa, about 12,000 Cuban troops have moved closer to the border with Namibia since the talks in London last month. Pretoria called up reserves to meet the perceived threat.



President Reagan (right), Vice-President George Bush (centre) discuss the drought situation with Richard Lyng, Secretary of Agriculture in the Oval Office. (Reuters wirephoto)

North Dakota suffers from searing heat

Drought bakes US prairie

JAMESTOWN, North Dakota, June 24, (AP): The drought baking the American prairie is ruining the breeding grounds of waterfowl who come from as far away as Argentina.

North Dakota, cited by the Agriculture Department as suffering more from the searing heat than any other state, is at the heart of the prairie pothole region, a 300,000-square-mile (775,000-square-kilometre) patch of glacial gouges that is a critical stop for migrating and nesting birds.

The potholes trap precious fresh water that creates the food and shelter for birds trying to reproduce.

About 50 per cent of all ducks in North America come from the prairie potholes. Among the 119 bird species found in North Dakota are seagulls, pelicans, and even swallows from Bolivia and upland sandpipers that fly 6,000 miles (10,000 kms) from the Argentine Pampas to nest in the potholes.

Meanwhile, US Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyng met in Chicago yesterday with governors from drought-stricken states to advise a committee of the National Governors' Association on the crisis and the outlook for the United States.

"We'll need a little bit of time to determine what the losses are," Lyng said. "But we will do what is needed to minimise the severity of the damage."

He said the government's response would include expansion of existing crop insurance and disaster loan programmes.

The 10-day weather outlook for the plains and Midwest promises no relief from heat and dry weather, the National Weather Service said yesterday in its first "drought advisory" for 1988.

Soviets pose a threat to US in Pacific

LOS ANGELES, June 24, (Reuters): The Soviet military and political presence in the Pacific Ocean poses a growing threat to US interests in the region, US Interior Secretary Donald Hodel said.

"The Soviets are moving relentlessly to increase their presence and credibility in the Pacific islands and to undermine ours," Hodel told the Los Angeles World Affairs Council, a civic group.

The US Interior Department has jurisdiction over Guam, American Samoa, Palau and the

northern Mariana Islands and formerly administered the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia.

Increased military activity in the Pacific has increased the Pacific profile spectacularly in the last decade, Hodel said, adding, "It also has expanded and modernised its nuclear-capable forces in the region."

He said increased Soviet political action in the Pacific, especially among newly independent nations, was a move to

reduce US influence and military capabilities in the region.

"Soviet support for the 'nuclear free zone' concept, for example, is designed to inhibit Western and, in particular, US movement of ships in the area," Hodel said.

He also said Libya has worked to undermine Western influence in the region.

"Libya is believed to have trained radicals opposed to French rule in New Caledonia and a variety of other Asian revolutionary groups," Hodel said.

Royal 'copter flies too close to a jumbo

LONDON, June 24, (Reuters): Britain's Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) said today it was investigating how a helicopter carrying Princess Margaret flew too close to a full British Airways jumbo jet near London's Heathrow Airport.

The incident occurred on Wednesday shortly after Princess Margaret, Queen Elizabeth's sister, boarded the royal helicopter on the grounds of her residence, Kensington Palace, for a journey to Quedgeley, west of London.

CAA radar records showed that the helicopter and the Boeing 747, which was carrying 337 people, were on parallel tracks a half-mile (800 metres) apart over west London, but were separated vertically by 900 feet.

The standard minimum vertical separation at that distance is 1,000 feet (300 metres).

A CAA spokesman said air traffic control filed a "mandatory occurrence" but the incident was not reported as a near miss.

He rejected reports that the aircraft might have been as close as 300 feet (90 metres).

"They were half-a-mile apart horizontally and at that distance the one should have been 1,000 feet higher than the other," he said.

Arab matter

BEIRUT, June 24, (Reuters): Libya attacked the United States for voicing concern over reports China was preparing to sell advanced missiles to Syria.

"Attempts by any Arab state to strengthen its defence capabilities, including the purchase of any kind of weapons, are a pure Arab matter which do not need seeking the advice of America," the official Libyan news agency Jana said.

IRA downs British helicopter for first time

BELFAST, June 24, (Reuters): The Irish Republican Army (IRA) said today it used a heavy machinegun to shoot down a British Army helicopter in Northern Ireland for the first time.

The unprecedented strike in nearly 20 years of guerrilla warfare in Northern Ireland prompted the military earlier to deny that the IRA had used a missile.

The Lynx helicopter, used to move troops and supplies around the so-called "bandit country" on the border with the Irish Republic, made an emergency landing yesterday after being hit by gunfire in the tail. One crew member was treated for cuts and bruises.

The IRA, fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland, said in a statement: "The aircraft was hit several times by armour-piercing rounds from a heavy machinegun."

Amid fears that the attack, a

coup for the IRA, could change the face of guerrilla war in Northern Ireland, the Lynx was dismantled and airlifted out of south Armagh so that ballistic experts could examine how effective IRA firepower has become.

An Army spokesman dismissed as "absolute rubbish" reports that the helicopter was downed by a surface-to-air SAM-7 missile smuggled into Northern Ireland by the IRA.

Helicopters are crucial to the British Army in the border counties where no military or police vehicles use the roads because of the danger of IRA attacks. In 1979, 18 British soldiers were killed in the area by an IRA landmine attack.

This is the first time a British Army helicopter has been shot down in Northern Ireland where the IRA is battling to oust the British but is often pinned down in the border counties by the military's air surveillance.

Pope calls for Palestinian homeland

VIENNA, June 24, (Agencies): Pope John Paul II today told Austria's Jewish leaders that Palestinians have a right to a homeland.

Meeting with the Jewish leaders on the second day of his Austrian trip, the Pontiff did not respond to their call for the Vatican to give full diplomatic recognition to the state of Israel.

John Paul flew by helicopter to the town of Trausdorf near the border with Hungary, where he celebrated an outdoor mass for an estimated 80,000 Roman Catholics, most of them from Hungary and Yugoslavia.

Dialogue

The Pope said The Holy See's Middle East policy must be seen in the context of its desire for constructive dialogue between Christians, Muslims and Jews.

The Pontiff called for "equal dignity for the Jewish people in the state of Israel and for the Palestinian people."

Before establishing ties with Israel, the Vatican wants a solution to the Palestinian question and international status for Jerusalem as a city sacred to Christians, Muslims and Jews.

"The Jewish people have a right to homeland, like every other nation, according to international law. The same, however, is true for the Palestinian people, of whom so many people are refugees without a homeland," the Pope said.

Pisa's tower leans a little more

PISA, Italy, June 24, (Reuters): The leaning Tower of Pisa is leaning a little more.

The city's university, which measures the tilt on the 12th century white marble tower every June 21, reported yesterday that it had inclined a further 1.29 millimetres (0.05 of an inch) in the past 12 months.

It said the figure was not out of the ordinary, though the tower's

Sri Lankan move to block prosecution of soldiers

COLOMBO, June 24, (AP): The government has proposed a new law to block any prosecution of the island's soldiers and police for action against Tamil rebels or Sinhalese agitators.

The proposal was published yesterday in a government gazette. It will have to be approved by Parliament before it can become law.

Approval is likely, as President Junius Jayewardene's ruling United National Party holds more than 80 per cent of the 168 seats in Parliament.

The proposal, signed by National Security Minister Lalith Athulathudumali, said, "All persons who, legally or illegally, were involved in the detection, prevention or prosecution of any persons indulging in unlawful activity are indemnified from legal prosecution."

It defined "unlawful activity" as that banned by the nation's Prevention of Terrorism Act and emergency laws, which give security forces sweeping powers to detain suspected extremists without trial.

The law, if passed, would cover police and military action taken from July 24, 1979, to Dec 31, 1987, according to the published notice.

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Landslide buries a Turkish village

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may have made such an announcement, if they have. It is extremely difficult to estimate the death toll but very cautiously I would say between 50 and 75 at most."

Kretschmer, whose team is using sniffer dogs in the search, said rescue workers, using a giant earthmover, hoped to reach the restaurant in a couple of hours when work resumed.

The building is in a row of three or four between the main road and the river which has been diverted by the tonnes of mud and debris dumped in its bed. The muddy waters now run through the village graveyard and several homes.

Survivors

Kretschmer told the semi-official Anatolian news agency earlier that the West Germans had lost all hope of finding survivors.

The head of the West German search team, Dr Stefan Luhrs, said this morning that hope was fading for survivors.

"The chances are very small that anyone is still alive. But it is too early to say for sure," he said. "We are getting rock falls every 10 minutes or so."

Villagers said the major slide roared down yesterday with a deep rumbling sound like an explosion.

"It sounded like someone was exploding dynamite close by. There were clouds of dust, I flung myself down, then ran for my life when I saw the landslide coming," said construction foreman Recep Ergin.

"There was a big roar and then everything disappeared," said villager Hamit Yilmaz, 70.

Halit Arslanli, who raced out of a restaurant when he heard of the rock of falling earth, said: "There were about 40 people in the restaurant watching a video film. I don't think many others got out."

Forced

Many of the people in the restaurants were travellers forced to wait at the roadside hotel for the highway to be cleared, officials said.

Local officials said some tourists and many cars were buried under the pile of earth and rock.

Heavy rains apparently triggered the slide, which also buried four houses and a high school closed for the summer vacation.

Trees lean like grotesque tombstones from the compacted mud and rock dumped by a landslide on the Turkish village of Catak.

The mountain peak dominating the village has a huge gap in its profile where half a million tonnes of earth slid down to smother a school, a restaurant, houses, cars and buses.

Baluchistan chief minister

ISLAMABAD, June 24, (KUNA): Mir Zafarullah Khan Jamali, a tribal chief, today took oath of office as the caretaker chief minister of the province of Baluchistan.

Jamali left the post of Minister for Railways in the interim federal cabinet to become the chief executive of Pakistan's largest and strategic province bordering Iran and Afghanistan.

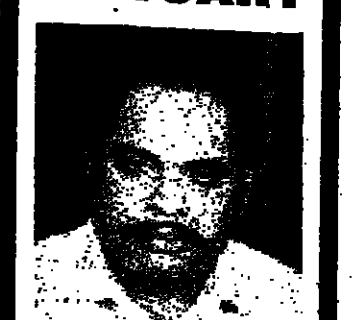
Earlier Mohammad Nawaz Sharif and retired General Fazle Haq took oath as interim chief ministers of Punjab and the Northwest Frontier Province respectively.

An official spokesman said today that the interim chief minister of the troubled Sind province would be sworn in tomorrow, but his name was not divulged.

Zia named retired General Rahimuddin Khan as the Governor of Sind.

The eldest son of Zia is married to the daughter of Khan.

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US awaits new government in Afghanistan

Soviets pulling out on schedule

WASHINGTON, June 24 (AP): The withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan is "well under way" with the Red Army troops pulling out on schedule, a senior US State Department official testified.

"So far we see no evidence the Soviets do not intend to meet their troop withdrawal deadlines on Aug 15 and Feb 15, 1989," Undersecretary of State Michael Armacost told the Senate foreign relations committee yesterday.

But Armacost resisted demands by Senator Gordon Humphrey that the United States immediately appoint an ambassador at large to deal with the Afghan resistance movement.

He indicated that the administration of President Ronald Reagan prefers to wait until a full-fledged government emerges that has widespread support of the Afghan people before extending any sort of official or informal recognition.

Humphrey, who testified before the committee, also asked that US aid to Afghan refugees be doubled.

Richard Williamson, Asis-

tant Secretary of State for International Organisations, said emphasis is being put on organising a United Nations relief and resettlement plan for the Afghan people, some 5.5 million of whom are refugees in either Pakistan or Iran.

The State Department does not intend to seek a supplemental appropriation to provide additional funds for the period because of budget constraints, he said, adding: "Our continuing programmes are consistent with, supportive of and will be closely co-ordinated with the UN effort."

He said the United States is encouraging other nations to make substantial contributions to the Afghan relief effort administered by the UN.

"In our appeals we point out that we are by far the largest donor of humanitarian assistance to Afghans and that others should now assume a major

share of the new burden as the refugees begin their return home," he said.

Williamson also made clear that the Soviet Union is being asked to bear a large share of the costs.

"It destroyed the country of Afghanistan. It is obligated to pay a major part of the bill to rebuild it," he said. "But its contribution to the UN must come without strings or any requirements that the funds be used to bolster the illegitimate Kabul regime."

He said the Soviets also should help in eliminating the danger posed by the thousands of landmines they have planted on Afghan territory.

Meanwhile, Tass news agency claimed that some Afghan rebels are plotting to attack United Nations staff monitoring recent accords on the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

"The more extremist elements" of the Afghan rebels had selected UN staff in Afghanistan and Pakistan as the target of planned terrorist attacks, Tass added.

Tass also said nine people had

been killed in rebel rocket attacks in Afghanistan in a three-day period this week.

The agency said one rebel leader, Gulbuddin Hikmatyar, had reportedly formed a special strike force for attacking UN staff.

"Its task will be to penetrate into Kabul with the assistance of Hikmatyar's armed groups operating in Kabul province and work out plans for killing UN mission members monitoring the observance of the Geneva accords," Tass said.

It said the rebels hoped such an attack would discredit the Afghan government, making it appear unable to assure the safety of UN officials monitoring the agreements signed in Geneva by Pakistan and Afghanistan in April.

The Muslim rebels have said they intend to continue fighting the Soviet-backed Kabul government until it is overthrown.

Tass said there were more than 30 rebel rocket attacks on towns and villages in Afghanistan between June 18 and June 20. It said nine people were killed and 32 wounded.



Japanese Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno (left) chats with his Jordanian counterpart, Taher Al Masri, upon arrival in Amman. (Reuters wirephoto)

25 hurt in riots over Islamic law

DHAKA, June 24 (AP): Fundamentalist Muslims clashed in northwestern Bangladesh with opponents of a new law making Islam the state religion, leaving about 25 people injured, police said today.

The clash with home-made bombs and guns lasted about two hours Thursday in Rajshahi, about 200 kilometres northwest of Dhaka, police said by telephone.

Trouble began after two major opposition groups, one an eight-party alliance and the other a five-party leftist coalition, began a march together to protest the new law.

The march was blocked by the Jamaat-e-Islami, and fighting broke out, police said.

Jamaat-e-Islam has been involved with the opposition groups since last November in an unsuccessful campaign of strikes and rallies to oust President Hussain Muhammad Ershad.

Using amulets to stop erosion

DHAKA, June 24 (Reuters): Bangladeshi villagers are throwing silver and bronze amulets stuffed with holy verses into a river in hope of stopping their homes from being swept away, government officials said today.

"This is a frenzied ritual led by a self-proclaimed peer (holy man), but we see no visible results," said the administrator of Chandpur district.

He said 500 devout Muslims were writing scriptures from the Holy Quran on tiny sheets of paper, stuffing them into the amulets and throwing them into the River Meghna.

Chandpur residents told reporters more than 125,000 amulets had been cast into the waters.

Japan seeks role in Mideast peace

AMMAN, June 24 (Reuters): Japanese Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno wants Japan to help promote Middle East peace and is studying ways of helping resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict, an official spokesman said on Thursday.

Zenji Kaminaga, director of the Middle East division of Japan's Foreign Ministry, told a news conference that Tokyo's plans to expand its role would be determined by the outcome of Uno's current tour of four Middle Eastern states.

Uprising

"Uno has no concrete proposal on how to solve the problem, but he will have a thorough study on the position of each of the countries involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict in order to help promote a peaceful solution to the issue," Kaminaga said.

Uno arrived in Jordan from Damascus on Thursday, the second leg of a four-nation tour to explain to regional leaders his country's interest in promoting peace, stability and economic

development in the region.

He and senior Jordanian officials, including Crown Prince Hassan, discussed efforts to solve the Palestine problem and the anti-Israeli uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, in which 220 Palestinians and four Israelis have been killed.

The 66-year-old minister will also visit Egypt and Israel, where he will be the first top-level Japanese minister to visit the Zionist state.

"It is high time that Japan should contribute to improving the situation in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza which has been deteriorating since December—when the uprising erupted," said Kaminaga. He did not elaborate.

Japan, in common with all Arab countries, supports the convening of an international peace conference attended by the five permanent UN Security Council members and all parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict including the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Extremist Sikh group blamed for bombings

AMRITSAR, June 24 (Reuters): Indian police said on Thursday they believe the most extreme Sikh fundamentalist group was responsible for bombs that killed at least 27 people in the northern city of Amritsar.

They said Tuesday's bombs appeared to be the work of the Babbar Khalsa group, which has been blamed for bomb attacks in the past.

The shadowy group has long evaded police, but this time they felt confident of a breakthrough, said a senior police official.

"Unlike in the past we are now betting on some feedback on the man behind the bombings," he told Reuters.

The official would not reveal further details, but he appeared to hope Sikhs outraged by the bombing and fearful of an anti-Sikh backlash would volunteer information.

More than 60 people were injured by time bombs which exploded in a busy street near Amritsar's Golden Temple. Ten are still in critical condition.

Victims

Although the bombs were planted in a predominantly Hindu area, Sikhs were also killed and wounded.

Babbar Khalsa members have been linked to earlier bombings and were also probably behind attacks which killed 16 people in neighbouring Haryana state and three in New Delhi since Sunday, he said.

The Babbar Khalsa is trying to win supremacy among various factions fighting to establish an independent Sikh homeland in the north Indian state of Punjab, said communist author Satyapal Dang, an expert on the militants.

He said they were trying to take advantage of the damage inflicted on at least two other factions during May's siege of the Golden Temple.

Dang said Babbar Khalsa was the most fundamental of all Sikh fundamentalist groups. He said it aimed to provoke a Hindu backlash against Sikhs.

India pushes back tribal people into Bangladesh

KORBUK, June 24 (Reuters): India is pushing back into Bangladesh Chakma tribespeople who have been fleeing a guerrilla war in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, a senior military official said today.

"They are no longer welcome. We have already pushed back over 2,000 into Bangladesh," said Dayal Singh Dhillon, head of Indian forces guarding the border in India's north-eastern Tripura state.

"Earlier we allowed them in on purely humanitarian grounds, but then Bangladesh accuses us of keeping them back and we get into unnecessary complications," he told Reuters.

Buddhist Chakmas form the backbone of the Shanti Bahini guerrillas who have been fighting for autonomy in the hill tracts since 1973. Bangladesh, which is overwhelmingly Muslim, has refused to grant autonomy.

There are nearly 50,000 Chakmas in Indian refugee camps and Dhaka has accused Delhi of aiding the rebels.

Talks in March between Dhaka and the rebels ended inconclusively, prompting another round of fighting and a fresh exodus of refugees. More talks earlier this month also ended without resolution.

Indian intelligence officials said 3,000 Chakmas were waiting in border jungles for a chance to sneak into India and the officials admitted it was not possible to send everybody back.

Unrest in Burma escalating

Students seize shrine

BANGKOK, June 24 (Reuters): Burma students have occupied Burma's holiest Buddhist shrine and Army reinforcements have been sent to the capital as unrest against the government of General Ne Win spreads, reports from Rangoon said today.

Armed riot police have sealed off the Shwedagon pagoda in the centre of Rangoon, where 100 students were conducting prayer services inside the main terrace surrounding the 100-metre-high gold-plated stupa today, diplomats said.

Riot police late Thursday dislodged some students from their "strike centre" inside the 2,500-year-old hilltop Buddhist shrine, where Burmese nationalists rallied against British colonial rule after World War Two, Western diplomats said.

"The situation is deteriorating

and potential for armed clashes is high," one said.

The unrest is one of the gravest challenges strongman Ne Win has faced since taking power in 1962. Food shortages and rocketing rice prices are fuelling discontent, diplomats said.

Tensions

Tensions have risen in the capital following street battles on Tuesday between students and security forces, which led to the closure of most universities and the imposition of a dusk-to-dawn curfew.

State radio said nine people were killed in what it called "a rampage of destruction" in the capital. Diplomats said the toll was thought to be higher.

The radio said 77 people had been arrested, most of them non-

students, after the riots in which students wielding clubs, swords and sling-shots battled with police who responded by hurling stones and swinging truncheons.

Students had put up posters and distributed pamphlets denouncing the 26-year-old government of Ne Win, who seized power in 1962 and established the "Burmese way to socialism."

This year, the former British colony, which was one of the world's major exporters of rice when Ne Win took over, was granted least developed nations status by the United Nations.

Soldiers have been sent in from other areas of Burma to reinforce the capital, diplomats said, and armoured cars have been deployed around Rangoon city hall. Foreign residents have been told not to venture outside unless it is necessary.

Palestinians clash again

BEIRUT, June 24 (UPI): Rival Palestinian groups clashed at two southern sites, Beirut, refugee camps today, killing at least two people and wounding 15, police and Palestinian sources said.

Palestinian sources said followers of Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat exchanged machinegun fire, rocket-propelled grenades, and mortars with dissidents loyal to rebel leader Said Mousa in the Shatila and Bourj El Barajneh refugee camps.

The sources said the clashes erupted before dawn today after the two shantytowns, controlled by Arafat's fighters, were shelled

by the rebels positioned around the camps.

At least two people were killed and 15 wounded in the six-hour clash, police said.

The latest round of fighting raised the toll of 14 days of inter-Palestinian clashes for the control of the badly damaged slums—a collection of demolished, small, tin, wooden and concrete houses—to 39 dead and 138 wounded, police said.

The followers of Arafat pushed their foes out of the two camps in fighting last month that left at least 30 people dead. Since then, the anti-Arafat rebels have maintained positions around Shatila and Bourj El Barajneh.

Pakistanis face death

DHAKA, June 24 (Reuters): A Bangladesh judge has sentenced five Pakistanis to be executed for drug smuggling, the first time the country has imposed death sentences for narcotics offences, court officials said on Thursday.

They said judge Sheikh Rezaul Ali, who ordered two other Pakistanis to be imprisoned for life, issued the sentences on Wednesday after a year-long secret trial.

Ali's judgment said the seven had all confessed.

They arrived in Dhaka by air on Oct 10, 1986, with three kg of heroin worth \$400,000.

Tehran names ambassador to France

UK-Iran talks make progress

LONDON, June 24 (Reuters): Britain said on Thursday it had agreed on the timing for paying Iran nearly £1 million (\$1.75 million) to settle compensation claims arising from damage to embassies in both countries.

"We have agreed on when to make our payment to Iran and that it will be made in three instalments," a Foreign Office spokesman said.

The two countries began talks in London two weeks ago.

Hostages

Britain has agreed to pay Iran £1.8 million (\$3.1 million) and Iran will give Britain £900,000 (\$1.57 million), leaving Britain a balance of nearly £1 million to pay.

The Foreign Office spokesman stressed: "The outcome of

these negotiations and any agreement will have no wider significance for UK-Iranian relations."

Middle East experts have said the Iranian delegation's visit could pave the way to normalising relations and help secure the release of three British hostages held in Lebanon.

Britain has repeatedly said it opposes any sort of deal with Iran for the release of hostages.

The Iranian news agency IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, reported on Thursday that the London talks had ended in agreement and letters of understanding would be exchanged next week.

But the Foreign Office said some details remained unresolved and no date had been set for an exchange of letters.

Britain's embassy in Tehran was damaged by rioting in 1978 and 1979. Iran's mission in London was ravaged by fire in 1980 when British commandos stormed it to free diplomats held hostage by opponents of Iran's government.

Ambassador

Meanwhile, Iran on Thursday named the Director-General for Western European Affairs at its Foreign Ministry, Dr Ali Ahani, as its ambassador to France, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

IRNA, received in Nicosia, said Ahani was proposed by Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati and approved by President Ali Khamenei. Iran and France restored diplomatic relations after an 11-month break on June 16.

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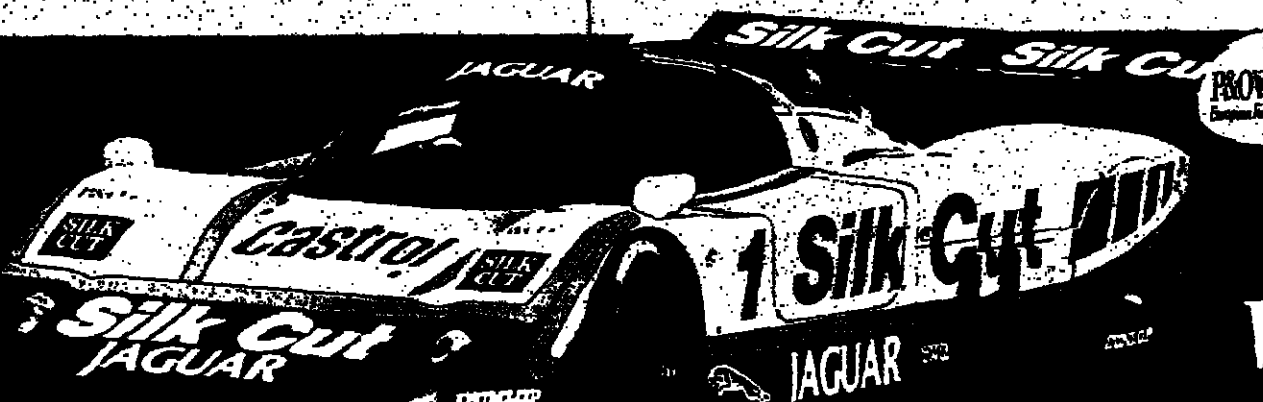
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Arms embargo against Iran will not work: Soviet official

BAHRAIN, June 24, (Reuters): A senior Soviet diplomat in the Gulf said an international arms embargo against Iran would not work.

"An arms embargo against Iran would not be beneficial or effective," visiting Soviet envoy Ernest Zverev told Bahrain's Arabic daily newspaper Akhbar Al-Khaleej in an interview published yesterday.

Zverev, the Soviet Ambassador to Kuwait, said Moscow wanted good relations with Tehran.

He said the Soviet Union had a long border with Iran and 40 million Muslims lived in the southern Soviet republics.

Some of them might sympathise with Iran, the newspaper quoted him as saying.

Several Gulf states back West-

ern calls for arms sanctions against Iran, although Moscow and other members of the UN Security Council have resisted pressure from the United States to impose an embargo.

Ceasefire

Last July the UN passed resolution 598 calling for a ceasefire in the Gulf war between Iran and Iraq, now in its eighth year.

The idea of sanctions against either of the belligerents which did not accept the call was tabled at the same time.

Iraq accepts the ceasefire terms but Iran has said blame for the start of the war must be decided first.

Zverev, on the first visit to Bahrain by a Soviet diplomat, said Moscow has not provided Tehran with any weapons or

military spares and accused Washington of not being sincere in its call for an embargo.

He said President Reagan made only a passing remark on the issue at the superpower summit in Moscow earlier this month.

Offered

The Soviet diplomat was due to return to Kuwait yesterday after talks here with senior officials and Amir of Bahrain, Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa.

Bahrain, like Saudi Arabia and Qatar, does not have diplomatic ties with Moscow.

Zverev said Moscow, which has ties with the United Arab Emirates and Oman, had offered to establish diplomatic links with Bahrain "but we are not in a hurry in the time being."

GCC media progress discussed

SECRETARY-GENERAL of the Gulf Co-operation Council Abdullah Yaquob Bishara said in a press statement on Thursday that the GCC ministers of information discussed in a closed final session in Riyadh the media progress in the six GCC countries.

Bishara told Al Seyassah that the ministers took various decisions which will not be revealed currently, but concern boosting bilateral GCC media relations and enforcing information unity.

He added that the ministers took secret decisions to counter the hostile foreign media attitude toward Mideast issues.

The information ministers had tackled in their meetings chaired by Saudi Information Minister Ali Al Shaer the issues on the working paper, and took appropriate resolutions.

The ministers agreed to have Kuwait host "The Voice of GCC" radio for 3 months.

Bishara summed up saying that the decisions adopted by the ministers in their one-day meeting were positive and aimed at enforcing unity among the six Gulf countries.

The GCC is made up of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman.

Training course for sales personnel

THE Deputy chairman of the Kuwait Union of Co-operative Society Mishari Hmoud Al Ameer said a specialised course for sales personnel at the union's headquarters at Abdullah Al Salem district yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, he said, the union was fully aware of the importance of imparting specialised training to its personnel to ensure their competence in performing the tasks assigned.

The course, basically, was aimed at upgrading the performance level of sales personnel at different cooperative societies. The course included open interviews and discussions with the participants to ascertain the problems faced by the sales personnel.

Al Ameer pointedly commented on the need for holding such conference as an educative process designed to enhance the various skills of personnel in their performance of their duties.

New components discovered

A KUWAIT University professor has discovered new components in the camel's kidney cells that were not known before.

Associate professor of cytogenetics and histology at Kuwait University Dr. Abdel Majid Saqer, said he had found out that the camel's kidney cell has the thickest basal lamina with membrane-bound bodies which have not been discovered before.

In statements to Kuna, Dr. Saqer said he spent a number of years for further scientific research and conducted a series of confirmatory experiments both at the faculty of science here and the faculty of medicine at London hospital.

While examining such bodies with an X-ray equipped electronic microscope, he found out that the bulk of them contained calcium, phosphorus, potassium and magnesium.

Group tours warning

THE general directorate for civil aviation called upon passengers intending to participate in group tours to ensure that the travel agent had the permission of the directorate to organise group tours.

The directorate in a statement issued today, said some of the travel offices in Kuwait recently advertised in the local press for group tours. Some of these offices, claimed the directorate, did not have the official permission from the directorate in accordance with the law governing "travel tours" from Kuwait and appealed to the public not to deal with unauthorised travel agents.

Haj visa applications to be received from next week

ABU DHABI, June 24, (KUNA): Saudi embassies worldwide start next week to receive applications for haj visas after determining the final dates for arrival of pilgrims to the holy places in Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates Saleh Sulaiman Al Fawzan told KUNA here that the kingdom had finalised preparations to receive the guests of the mercurial.

He predicted that pilgrims this year will reach more than two millions and underlined that the visa applications for haj will not be accepted after July 9.

Fawzan said the last dates for haj convoys to be allowed entry into the country will be July 14 for pilgrims using the land route and July 17 for those arriving by planes.

The pilgrims, after completing the haj rituals and being declared free from all diseases, will have to return home before the expiry of their haj visas, the ambassador

said.

The ambassador added that no transport vehicle will be allowed out of the country before ensuring that all those registered with them are there or at least that legitimate excuses are provided for those not on board.

The pilgrims are prohibited from bringing along foodstuff except that would suffice them for not more than three days, Fawzan said, noting that Saudi Arabia has provided enough food throughout the country for all pilgrims.

Nothing that vehicles with less than nine-passenger capacity will be banned from entering holy Makkah during the haj season, the envoy said that the pilgrims should ascertain that their passports and other necessary papers are in order before heading for Saudi Arabia.

He expressed confidence that the haj season will proceed normally given what the kingdom had provided of various facilities.

Austrian Radio and TV hail Kuwait's progress

VIENNA, June 24, (KUNA): Austrian Radio and TV have hailed Kuwait's advancement in various fields despite tension caused by the Iraq-Iran war.

In two separate programmes about Kuwait the Austrian TV and Radio said despite the Gulf war, and the tough psychological situation resulting from its continuation the levels of development continued in different areas.

The TV quoted Kuwaiti Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Osaimi as having "a cautious optimism" toward end of the war despite the present decreasing tension.

Showing pictures of the destruction caused to local installations by Iranian missiles, the TV commentator said, however, capital movement from inside to the outside of the country has remarkably slashed which can be noticed in the positive developments at Kuwait Stock Exchange.

Kuwait is not responsible for US fleet presence in the Gulf, Osaimi said, noting that Iran was

the party to be held responsible because of its threats to world interest.

Austrian Radio, in an interview with director of Kuwait Stock Exchange Hisham Otaibi said KSE directly reflects all social, economic and political changes in Kuwait.

Otaibi said indicators to annual economic growth have shown that it has quadrupled in 1988 in comparison with that of the previous year.

Dollar gyrations do not affect Kuwaiti economy although they do affect oil revenues.

KSE cannot be affected because no US bonds are traded in the market.

Otaibi said the government's wise policy in facing the circumstantial difficulties was the reason behind the country's positive economic developments.

Austrian Radio and TV concluded that economic growth and advancement in various spheres continued, in spite of the unstable political situation in the region.

Exposure to high temperatures causes many eye diseases

DR MOHAMAD YASER AL HAMOURI, eye specialist at the Farwania Hospital, in an interview with a local daily said, "exposure to high temperatures is a factor for many eye diseases".

He said medical reports and publications proved that such eye diseases are more common in countries with hotter climates and advised people not to expose their eyes to high weather conditions. He commented that the hot climate prevailing in the Gulf area and the Middle East in general helps the spread of eye allergy and swelling. He urged people to use sun glasses, preferably, from opticians specialised in medical eye glasses.

He added, common eye diseases in Kuwait are identical to eye diseases around the world, besides, other eye diseases caused by temperatures, dust and humidity.

Dr Hamouri called on parents to pay particular attention to children while watching TV adding, that a child should be seated at a minimum of 2-1/2 metres away from a TV set.

Medical society defends doctors

DR Ahmad Abdul Aziz Al Hajri a member of the board at the Kuwait Medical Society said the society's main responsibility is to defend doctors and protect their professional dignity against any slanderous attempts.

He disclosed that the society is positively viewing the concept of the Ministry of Public Health to assign a representative for the society at any inquest that might arise alleging misconduct of doctors operating at the public or private sectors.

Dr Hajri said he was a member of a special committee formed for examining defence laws and by-laws which would form a special defence code for the society. In his official capacity, he called for due respect to be accorded to doctors while checking allegations of complaints lodged and verifying facts prior to imposing any penalties.

Man bites off colleague's ear

DUBAI, June 24, (Reuters): Pakistani tailor Mohammed Ghulam was too cold and his colleague refused to turn off the air conditioner. So he bit off his ear.

Ghulam, 48, was sentenced to three years in jail for assault but following an impassioned plea by the victim the judge reduced the term to three months.

Seminar on traffic rules

RETIRED Major General Yousef Al Saad lectured at a seminar organised by the youth department of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour in co-operation with the Road Safety Society. The seminar was held at Shamiya Youth Centre and focused on the necessity for abiding by traffic rules and safety regulations.

The seminar was attended by the director of the youths department Ibrahim Al Baddah and officials of the department including a large number of members of youth centres.

Saudis behead dope smugglers to prevent drug problem

RIYADH, June 24, (AP): Ghuloom Mohammed Hussein was publicly beheaded recently in what is known as Riyadh's "Justice Square".

His crime: trying to smuggle 2.45 kilograms (5 1/2 pounds) of hashish into Saudi Arabia, where under Islamic sharia law, beheading is justified under certain circumstances.

Until recently, most prisoners who were beheaded were either murderers or rapists. But Saudi Arabia's royal authorities, alarmed at a developing drug problem among the country's young people, decreed the death penalty for drug smugglers in March 1987.

So far, eight men, some of them Saudis, have been executed for drug offences.

Decreased "The smugglers have found a new market for drugs in Saudi Arabia," said Saleh Bin Nasser, deputy chairman of the Youth Welfare Authority.

He estimated that most Saudi drug users are between 16 and 21 years old and declared: "We must save the youth of Saudi Arabia."

His office, in conjunction with the National Anti-drug Committee, recently sponsored a four-day symposium on the effectiveness of capital punishment as a deterrent to drug smuggling.

Harsh The delegates noted that since last year's royal decree, drug smuggling has decreased 40 per cent and drug-related crimes 11 per cent.

"Narcotics not only threaten individuals and families, but the security and safety of society as a whole," said a report issued at the symposium.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Call for return of Egypt to Arab League renewed

THE Kuwaiti daily Al Rai Al Aam yesterday renewed its call for the return of Egypt to the Arab League and return of the seat of the league from Tunis to Cairo.

Egypt's membership of the Arab League was frozen and diplomatic relations with her severed over its 1978 peace accord with Israel. But last November all but four Arab states restored ties with Egypt after an extraordinary summit in the Jordanian capital. Algeria, Syria, Libya and Lebanon are still at odds with Egypt.

Writing editorially on the subject today, the newspaper said activities of the Arab League and general secretariat were almost paralysed after Egypt was ousted and the activities transferred to Tunisia.

Egypt was and remains to be the centre of attention for Arab nationalist inclinations and the focus of all regional and international contacts on the intricate problems and crises of the region, the daily said.

Saying that only a handful of countries are opposed to the return of Egypt to the Arab ranks, the newspaper said the restoration of the place of Egypt among its Arab brethren is a natural development given the state of affairs of the Arab nation.

The contribution of Egypt to the Arab cause has continued even after the head offices of the Arab League were moved from Cairo to Tunis, Al Rai Al Aam said, adding Egypt deserves to take its place in the Arab nation.

Liberation of Mehran

ANOTHER Kuwaiti newspaper commented on the liberation of the Iranian city of Mehran by Mujahideen-e-Khalq.

In a front page editorial, the daily Al Anbaa said that it was not difficult at all for Iraqi forces to cross the international border and liberate Mehran, but the wisdom of the Iraqi leadership preferred the honour of such operation to be credited to the Iranian opposition party who have the greater right to liberate their own lands.

The paper, however, noted that the "liberation" of Mehran besides its military achievements, indicated that the opposition forces against the current Iranian regime have strengthened, and become impatient with continuation of the war.

"The victory in Mehran reflects the escalation of the opposition inside Iran," it went on.

Therefore, the paper noted that the Iranians are trying to attribute the liberation to the Iraqi forces, though they rarely admit Iraq's victories.

In conclusion Al-Anbaa gathered that the countdown of the end of the Gulf war, and the fall of the Iranian regime have begun, and the end of both of them is very near whether by Iraqi victories or by the Iranian opposition forces.

Emergency telephones at ring roads

A RELIABLE source at the Ministry of Communications said that the ministry utilises the latest telephone technology available in the international market to install emergency telephones at 5th and 6th Ring Roads and that emergency telephones were being installed every two kilometres at the two motorways. Further, the ministry would also carry out a project to maintain the old emergency telephones installed at external roads leading to Abdali, Nuwaiseeb and Salmi border centres. The existing telephones which run on batteries will be replaced with new ones operable via cables. He disclosed that the ministry would prevent importing of telephone sets that did not conform to the specifications laid down by the ministry.

Jordan ready to provide teachers to Kuwait

AMMAN, June 21, (KUNA): Undersecretary of Kuwait Education Ministry, Abdul Rahman Al Khudari met here today with Jordanian Deputy Minister of Education, Minister Dukkan Al Hindawi.

He conveyed to the Jordanian official a verbal message from Kuwait Education Minister and Acting Minister of Higher Education Anwar Al Nouri on bilateral relations and means of promoting them in educational fields.

Hindawi expressed his country's readiness to provide Kuwait with teachers for the scholastic year 1988/89.

Khudari is currently visiting Jordan to represent Kuwait in the experts meetings of UNESCO's regional bureau for education in the Arab states.

'Constantly striving to develop capabilities'

THE assistant director of the Capital Labour Department Duaij Khalifa Al Reesh said the department constantly strives to develop its capabilities and upgrade the operations and performance of its personnel.

He said applications for transfer of residence from one sponsor to another were carefully scrutinised on receipt to ensure that the documents presented by the applicant were in order. A chit would be issued to the client to collect his papers after a period of two to three days. The clients' submitted documents would then be processed through the

department's computers.

NLA denies Iranian claims

PARIS, June 24, (KUNA): Masoud Rajavi, head of the national council of resistance and commander-in-chief of the National Liberation Army of Iran (NLA), denied the Khomeini regime's allegations that Mehran had been captured by Iraq and that chemical weapons were used to liberate that town.

In a statement released yesterday by the Baghdad-based office of the People's Mujahadeen of Iran and distributed here, Rajavi dismissed the claims as "totally false" and said that they were aimed at explaining the "humiliating defeat" of the Khomeini forces.

"The regime's claim regarding the use of chemical weapons is a pure lie," he said, adding that the NLA did not possess such weapons.

"The most potent weapons of the NLA are the unshakable will of the Iranian people and the NLA for peace and freedom with the full support of all the people of Iran and the National Liberation Army," he concluded.

The NLA forces of Masoud Rajavi, who is living in exile in Iraq, are reported to have killed or wounded 8,000 soldiers of the Khomeini forces and taken 1,500 prisoners when they captured

Co-operatives members increase

THE annual report of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour showed that 156,341 members were registered in the local co-operative societies in 1986, marking an increase of 4.2 per cent compared to the year before.

The report added that capital paid for the societies reached about KD6 million with an 11.9 per cent increase in the same period. The principal motivation for contribution to these societies is the social role played by them and not merely their profits.

The number of local co-operative societies reached 44 in 1986 comprising 38 consuming co-operatives, two agricultural, two agricultural productive, one for savings and one for marketing and production.

Preparation for Marine Week

ABDULLAH AL SAHLAN, the chairman of the supply and service committee in charge of arrangements for the 5th Marine Week, has said that the committee is still co-ordinating with the GCC authorities in preparation for the revival of Pearl Diving Festival project to be launched on Aug 8 in which six ships will participate.

Various other activities planned for the Marine Week, from Aug 4 to 12 at Al Shaab Park, Bneid Al Qar Marine Club, Bida Marine Club, Shaab Marine Club and Ras Al Ard Marine Club, have already been reviewed, and arrangements have been made by the committee for the supply of all requirements, especially materials required for opening the Gulf Market on July 21.

Osaimi meets French envoy

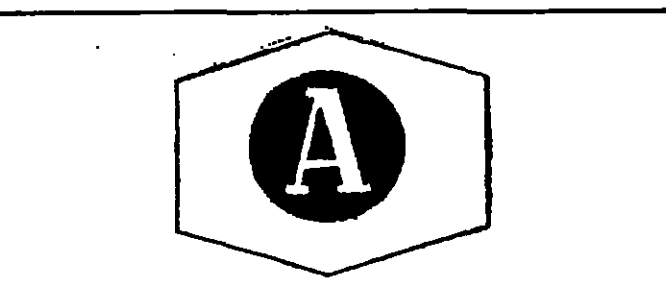
THE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Saud Mohamed Al Osaimi yesterday received the French ambassador to Kuwait.

They exchanged views on matters of bilateral importance and developments in the Arab Gulf region.

NOTICE

Mr Raghavan Kundam Kuzhi Vannathikundam son of Mr. K.V. Koran, Vannathi Kundam House, Kundamkuzhi, Bodokkuttu, Kavaragudi-670541 Kerala and Miss Karanesan Sarada daughter of Mr. Karanesan, II 3/24 Rajakrishnapuram Arunkulam, Thirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, both Indian nationals, presently residing in Kuwait have given notice of intended marriage between them under the Foreign Marriage Act, 1969. If anyone has any objection to the proposed marriage he/she should file the same with the undersigned according to the procedure laid down under the Act/Rules within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

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Medical society hosts seminar

Primary health care vital

KUWAIT Medical Society recently organised a seminar at its premises on primary health care.

Speaking on the occasion, the chairman of the society Dr Abdullah Al Rushaid said "primary health care is the backbone of the health services" and described the primary health care physician, as a combatant, fighting in the first line of defence. He called for appreciating the role of these physicians.

Also speaking at the seminar, Dr Mohammed Matar said "primary health care was the main introduction for any type of health service" and commented that this service was presently still below desired levels. He recommended building an atmosphere of confidence between the patients and the physicians.

Commenting on the statistics available at the ministry, Dr Kamal Al Zeinani said the primary health care centres received 98 per cent of the patients. He pointed to the disparity in support provided to the

hospitals and the care centres and said that giving hospitals added support constituted, a breach in health care.

He called for increasing moral and material support of health centres so as to improve their technical level. Towards attaining a unified and integrated medical team, he recommended training courses for doctors working in these centres and enhanced co-ordination between centres and hospitals.

Eradicating
Dr Mohammed Al Okaily from the Ministry of Public Health said that advanced countries including the World Health Organisation (WHO) were paying special attention to primary health care in view of its important role in realising the WHO's slogan "Health for All" by 2000 AD. He called for eradicating the differences between doctors at care centres and their colleagues in the hospitals.

The legal advisor at the Ministry of Public Health Yahya Abdulfetouh, also speaking at the seminar, said doctors would

be responsible to the Ministry of Public Health for any professional mistakes — other breaches of professional conduct would be investigated by relevant authorities.

He commented that interrogation of doctors by the Ministry of Public Health was invalid as per constitutional rules.

Charter
However, the ministry realising this oversight, had set up a new charter to deal with this issue. He clarified that a disciplinary board was recently formed and comprised the Ministry's Undersecretary, representatives from the legislation and legal opinion department, representatives from the faculty of medicine, representatives from Kuwait institute for medical specialisations, and consultant doctors to be delegated by the respective court. The new system, he said, would provide legal guarantees for rights of the doctors. He further disclosed that the doctors' rights in some Arab and advanced countries were protected and defended by the Medical unions.

Ministry preparing to enrol new graduates

THE Assistant Undersecretary for Administrative and Financial Affairs at the Ministry of Education Abdulaziz Al Jarallah in an interview with a local daily said "the Ministry has started preparations to enrol new Kuwaiti graduates from Kuwait University and the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training."

He disclosed that 381 files were prepared for 203 graduates from Kuwait University and 178 graduates from the authority. New teachers from Arab countries would be hired to replace those whose contracts had expired this year, statistically, instead of replacing 300 outgoing teachers. The ministry had requested for a total of 344 from Egypt, Morocco and Jordan, he said. Further, Al Jarallah stated, the ministry was co-ordinating

with the Civil Service Commission (CSC) to meet the prospect of an increase in the number of expatriate employees employed in the educational field which is estimated to be 510 posts.

Financially speaking, he said, the first chapter of the Education Ministry's budget amounted to KD250 million last year. He denied that the rationalisation policy had adversely affected the ministry's budget and confirmed that the next budget would witness a comparative increase.

On the issue of private companies guarding Kuwait's schools and colleges, he said these companies had proved to be a success and the ministry was planning to expand the experiment and also award the cleanliness and catering contracts to private firms as of the next academic year.

Dust storms on the rise

THE head of the follow-up section at the meteorology department Mahmoud Azza Saqr said "Kuwait encounters dust storms during most months of the year — especially during summer and dust is considered one of the environmental problems in Kuwait."

Elucidating, he said, dust and sand storms block vision and are major causes of transportation problems especially in air transport. He added, such storms are also the cause of sand slides; killing of plants and vegetation; impeding construction projects; and pollution of the atmosphere.

In an interview with the Biya magazine published by the Kuwaiti Environment Protec-

tion Society, he said that dust and sand storms commonly occur in torrid regions and Kuwait was one of those areas highly affected by these weather conditions. Citing statistical studies conducted by the follow-up section, he said Kuwait faced 26 days of sand storms each year and that 77 per cent of these took place between April and August. He said "at the present time it is difficult to ascertain whether dust storms in Kuwait are on the increase or decrease". However, he said, dust storms were first recorded in 1962 in Kuwait and showed a rise during the last ten years.

Indonesia eases visa rules for Saudis

JAKARTA, June 24, (OPECNA) Beginning July 1, Indonesia will grant "visa on arrival" facilities to citizens of fellow OPEC member Saudi Arabia in a bid to encourage Saudi tourists, it was announced here.

At present, about 600 Saudi tourists visit Indonesia each month, but the number is expected to double with the coming into force of the new regulation. Minister of Justice Ismael Saleh said here.

Tourists from more than 40 countries currently enjoy the facility which entitles them to stay two weeks in Indonesia with the possibility of a week's extension.

According to Ismael, Saudi businessmen can also make use of the concession, though it will not apply to those seeking employment.

Life reduced to ten years

THE Court of Cassation reduced to ten years imprisonment a life sentence issued by the Criminal Court on a defendant accused of raping a maid.

The defendant had entered the house of the maid pretending to be a relative of her employer who was out of the house. Forcibly grabbing the maid, he tore off her clothes and sexually assaulted her.

When the employer called home to ensure her little daughter was asleep, the man answered the phone. The woman, thereupon, called the police who arrested the defendant with the bottle of liquor in his possession.

Camp for blind

THE 8th Arab camp for the blind jointly organised by the Qatari Red Crescent Society and the Middle East Regional Bureau for the Blind will be held during the period 12-20 August 1988 at which 13 Arab countries will participate. The objective of the camp is to focus attention on the problems faced by blind citizens and to find ways and means of creating opportunities to participate in various activities.

Dairy producers elect new officials

BOARD chairman and general director of Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Duaji Al Sabah has reiterated the authority's support to local dairy production sector and the work to develop it.

That came during Sheikh Ibrahim's reception of head and board members of the dairy producer's union yesterday on the occasion of their election and formation of a new management.

548,000 phone lines

A STATISTICAL study prepared by the Communications Ministry for 1987 indicated a total of 548,000 phone lines and 260,211 subscribers. Kuwait is linked to 65 countries through international lines and a total of 1307 international call networks.

Shuwaikh division has a total capacity of 30,000 lines; Jleeb Al Shuyoukh has 10,000 lines, and the Sulaibiya and Jahra divisions which were opened during the 27th national day of Kuwait have a total of 10,000.

The Ministry of Communications increased the capacity of some divisions, among those Al Wafra division having 1400 lines. During 1987, the ministry signed a contract with a company to provide subscribers with video-text services. The report added that 9,397,603 international were received during the first ten months and 5,555,670 minutes were utilised by the subscribers on incoming international calls during the same period.

Life for molesting boy

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court sentenced a homosexual to life imprisonment in absentia for molesting a 13-year-old boy. The court was told that the accused had spent five years in jail for a similar offence previously.

The accused asked the boy to ride in his car and direct him to a public clinic. However, he took him to an isolated place and sexually assaulted him. The boy succeeded in obtaining the licence number of the criminal's car on which basis the accused was identified.

CONDOLENCES

The Staff of the Arab Times deeply mourn the sad demise of



A. G. Oommen (Thampi), husband of Mrs. Mary Oommen,

and offer their deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved family.

May his soul rest in peace.



Participants singing in a variety programme organised jointly by Bazme Kokan Kuwait, Kokan Library Circle, Kokan Cricketers and Kokan Fine Arts at Indian Arts Circle yesterday to celebrate the 40th anniversary of India's independence.

Murphy extends stay in Oman

MUSCAT, June 24, (AP) US envoy Richard Murphy completed official talks with the Omani leadership, diplomatic sources said yesterday, but is extending his stay in the sultanate over the Muslim weekend.

Murphy, Assistant Secretary of State for Middle East Affairs, is on the fourth leg of an 8-nation swing for consultations on the Middle East peace process.

Determination
The sources said his talks with Sultan Qaboos and Defence Minister Mutassim Al Busaidi in addition to the Middle East peacemaking process also covered the Iran-Iraq war and

warships that patrol the Gulf waters. The United States maintains a large naval task force in the Gulf and outside the Strait of Hormuz to safeguard freedom of navigation against Iranian threats in a spillover of the war.

Investment
He has been affirming Washington's determination to work for a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict and to end the nearly 8-year-old Iran-Iraq war which threatens the Gulf.

The sources said Murphy, who is accompanied by his wife, was spending the Muslim weekend of Thursday and Friday in Muscat and may also visit one of the US

warships that patrol the Gulf waters.

The United States maintains a large naval task force in the Gulf and outside the Strait of Hormuz to safeguard freedom of navigation against Iranian threats in a spillover of the war.

Oman and Iran are divided by the strategic narrow Hormuz Strait, the gateway to the Gulf. In addition to his contacts with Defence and Foreign Ministry officials Murphy also held talks with finance undersecretary Mohammed Al-Youssef on ways of boosting US investments in Oman, said the sources that did not wish to be named.

Gulf Air new route

BONN, June 24, (KUNA): Qatar will start a new air route to West Germany to help citizens reach rehabilitation centres in Bonn, Cologne and Aachen.

According to Qatar's Ambassador here Ahmad Abdullah Al Khal, the new Doha-Cologne-Bonn route will be dedicated on Monday and comes after two years of continuous work between Gulf Air and the German aviation authorities.

Al Khal's statements were made in an exclusive interview with KUNA.

Thousands of Qataris visit Bonn every year in the summer to spend few weeks of vacation or stay in the famous rehabilitation centres here. The visitors have to come through Frankfurt airport, 160 kms south of the federal capital.

In statement to KUNA, the director of the Cologne-Bonn airport welcomed the agreement reached between Gulf Air and the airport and said the airport management will be happy to arrange for transportation means for the Qataris.

Saudi contribution to ISESCO

RABAT, June 24, (KUNA): Saudi Arabia has paid its share to the budget of the Rabat-based Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO).

The cheque was recently handed over to the ISESCO director general by the Charge d'Affaires of the Saudi embassy in Rabat.

Experiments on growing wheat successful

THE deputy director general of the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) Nizar Mulla Hussein in an interview with a local magazine said experiments performed by KISR on growing wheat in Kuwait had proved successful and confirmed the possibility of growing wheat in strategic quantities. These experiments were aimed at establishing the technical feasibility of the project under prevailing weather and climatic conditions and evaluating the possibilities of producing wheat in quantities sufficient for national requirements.

Hussein said the department of food resources at KISR was concerned with ways to boost food production through sound management of natural resources, development of new production techniques, and utilisation of modern technologies.

Child pushed head inside empty tin

FIREMEN at Shuwaikh Industrial Area rushed to the aid of a three-year-old Jordanian child who had pushed his head inside a can of empty milk powder and was unable to get it out. Firemen, using manual saws succeeded in cutting open the can and freeing the child. The public relations department of the General Fire Authority appealed to all citizens and expatriates not to leave their children unsupervised.

He disclosed that the department had prepared a plan detailing the growth techniques and the findings of the experiments which covered 25 types of wheat seed and added that the soil would have to be fertilised several times during wheat life and at varying time spans due to the lack of sufficient nutritional elements in the Kuwaiti soil.

Successful growth of wheat in adequate quantities would step-up efforts aimed at drawing up a comprehensive food security strategy.

Air travel agreement

ABU DHABI, June 24, (KUNA): The UAE and Syria signed an agreement in principle organising air travel movements between airports in the two countries.

Transportation assistant undersecretary Mohammed Al Suwaidi said today that the agreement recognises the national airlines of the two countries as the sole air travel carriers. Under the agreement, he said the total number of passengers should not exceed in the summer time 1500 per week and 1200 in the winter season.

Al Suwaidi, who has just returned from Syria after concluding the agreement with the Syrian authorities, added that some 156,000 passengers travel between the UAE and Syria every year.

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After Reagan is gone

Thatcher's chance to grasp the leadership

By Peter Gregson

TORONTO, (Reuters): Ronald Reagan's curtain call on the world stage at the Toronto economic summit gives Margaret Thatcher a chance to seize the spotlight as the West's leader in international affairs.

British officials scoff at suggestions that their prime minister, the longest-serving Western leader and most experienced of the Toronto summit participants, is keen to grasp the baton of leadership from Reagan.

But the centre-stage roles Thatcher loves to play promote just the opposite impression at international gatherings such as this week's summit of major industrial democracies.

Consulting only a brief list of topic headlines, Thatcher spoke 45 minutes longer than scheduled when she delivered the summit's opening address on Sunday afternoon.

Asked why she had gone on so long, a British official said simply "When Thatcher speaks, people tend to listen."

The Toronto summit was Reagan's last scheduled foreign trip as president.

The question of Thatcher's world role gathered momentum early this month when Reagan stopped in London on his way home from the Moscow summit.

Invited

He invited Thatcher to Washington in November, after the US presidential election but before he steps down, to meet his successor at the White House.

Such an unprecedented gesture underlines the British leader's stature as America's closest ally, and the November visit has been widely reported as the moment when the torch of "free world" leadership will be passed.

Such talks rile Thatcher aides. They feel it demeans the special relationship Thatcher and Reagan have built up during the eight years they have headed conservative governments on opposite sides of the Atlantic. The November meeting will be their 21st during that time.

"The reality is the president of the United States is always the

leader of the Western world," said a senior Thatcher adviser. "The leader of the second-ranked country is there to assist to the best of that role."

But he added: "The fact that you've been there for a long time does help in that regard."

Thatcher was asked at a post-summit press conference if she saw herself now as carrying the mantle of summit leadership during the transition in the White House.

"I just see myself as carrying on believing the things which I have believed and trying to translate them into action," she replied, ducking the question. "We as a team here will carry on."

Thatcher has a well-earned reputation for getting her own way, and Toronto was no different.

After the summit adopted a political declaration on Monday containing just about everything London wanted, a key member of Thatcher's tight band of close advisers told Reuters: "We've had a very good day."

Opposition

And speaking of the summit economic declaration released on Tuesday, another of her advisers said: "We're very satisfied with it."

"The prime minister feels the United Kingdom has played a very constructive, even signal, part in producing a very constructive document."

Adding to British pleasure was a separate summit statement on South Africa, a vexed issue in Anglo-Canadian relations due to Thatcher's firm opposition to the imposition of sanctions against Pretoria.

"We don't believe the prime minister will change her position on South Africa," Thatcher's press secretary Bernard Ingham said at an early summit briefing, "and we'd be astonished if she did."

The statement condemned apartheid but contained no reference to sanctions, as Canada would have liked, prompting one delighted British official to remark: "It said just what we wanted, but then it would. After all, it was written by (foreign secretary) Sir Geoffrey Howe."

Blockade and airlift

West Berlin marks 40th anniversary

By Martin Nesirky

WEST BERLIN, (Reuters): To keep the besieged city alive for 11 months, it needed 380 aircraft a day, 2.3 million tonnes of goods and population prepared to tighten its belt.

The statistics of the Berlin airlift, which started 40 years ago this week, are as impressive as the feat of the US and British pilots who flew repeated missions across Soviet-occupied Germany from June 1948 to May 1949.

The motley collection of planes barely managed to discharge cargoes of food, coal and other items at West Berlin's airports before flying back to reload in the western zones of defeated Germany.

But in the air, they still found time to do "candy drops", showering small treats from the planes down to grateful children scrambling over the rubble-filled bomb sites.

Seventy-eight Americans, Britons and Germans died in the huge operation to supply the Western sectors of the former German capital after the Soviet Union cut all land links with the West, the final act in a long-simmering row over the future of what was left of the Nazi Third Reich.

Blockade

To Germans in the West, the Soviet blockade and the allied airlift have become symbols of a divided nation almost as much as the communist-built Berlin Wall that went up in 1961 to stem a westward flow of refugees.

It is also seen as a sign of Western resolve not to abandon Berlin, even under Soviet pressure to do so.

To those in the East, the Soviet "measures" are seen as necessary because Britain and the United States began introducing a

separate currency in their zones and in the western sectors of Berlin.

Post-World War II accords provided for the Western allies — Britain, the United States and later France — jointly to occupy parts of Berlin along with the Russians.

The snag was that Berlin lies well inside what is now East Germany and was at that time the Soviet occupation zone.

Supply

To help supply the hungry people in their sectors, the allies had to transport many items by train, road and canal.

The Western allies never secured a written undertaking from Moscow to guarantee access along these routes, nor for the three air corridors leading from Berlin to the West's zones.

This was to cost them dear. Relations between the Russians and the three allies were never smooth in Berlin, but by early 1948 matters began to escalate.

Soviet soldiers began stopping allied military trains and goods trucks. Some trains were switched into sidings for hours.

Britain and the United States were at this time discussing setting up a West German government.

In March, the Soviet Union's representative stormed out of a four-power meeting in Berlin in protest at this idea. The scene was repeated on June 7 when the scheme was formalised.

The final straw came when Britain and the United States announced on June 18 they were launching a new currency — the Deutschmark to replace the inflation — hit Reichsmark.

Moscow reacted by severing ground links from west Berlin and halting supplies of food and coal from the Soviet sector.

By Mark J. Porubcansky

MOSCOW, (AP): Nearly a half-century after Josef V. Stalin ruled over the last Communist Party conference, Mikhail S. Gorbachev is reviving the forum in an attempt to break the party's chokehold on Soviet society and wrest control from its entrenched careerists.

There were early indications, however, that among the 5,000 delegates gathering for next week's 19th all-union conference of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, a substantial number will be opponents of Gorbachev.

The 57-year-old party chief's original goals in calling the conference — to overhaul the party apparatus and streamline the path to modern living — appear to have been scaled back.

Both Soviet and Western analysts have suggested this indicates the delegate selection procedures, which by usual Soviet standards were surprisingly open, enabled Gorbachev's conservative opponents to obtain enough seats to prevent implementation of radical measures.

Rigging

Gorbachev nonetheless is expected to open the proceedings Tuesday in the Kremlin's glass and marble Palace of Congress with a call to limit the tenure of party officials and their authority over the conduct of government, the economy and their fellow members.

A stormy debate over alleged ballot-rigging that sent hundreds of demonstrators into the streets of Moscow and Leningrad to protest the delegate selection process offered a vivid illustration of the more open political atmosphere Gorbachev has

encouraged.

But as the first party conference since 1941 drew near, communist officials sought to dampen expectations that the delegates representing the country's 19 million party members would do more than debate a list of recommendations or consider the personnel issues that could decide the fate of Gorbachev's reform programme.

Some observers said Gorbachev may have decided, after watching the fight over delegates, not to risk secret ballots on his key projects.

Thirty pages of theses put forward by the party's policy-making Central Committee as a platform for discussion at the conference bear the imprint of Gorbachev's own ideas. They blame the late dictator Josef V. Stalin for stifling debate in the party, a "vicious practice" that continued through the rule of President Leonid I. Brezhnev.

Abused

In calling for a limit of two five-year terms for elected party positions, the proposals struck at the foundation of a system of personal power and privilege built for decades by party officials.

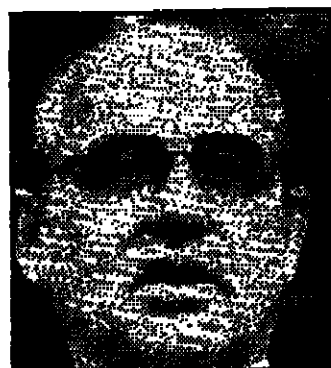
"Some executives started thinking that they had been appointed to their posts for life," the theses said. "They considered themselves infallible, abused power and neglected the interests of rank-and-file party members and working people."

Seventy years after the upheavals of the Bolshevik Revolution, the conference programme pointedly warns communists they "should act in compliance with the constitution of the USSR and with Soviet laws."

In its new role envisaged by

Soviet Communist Party conference

Agenda suggests great change, but few goals



Mikhail Gorbachev

Gorbachev, the Communist Party would retain its dominant role in Soviet society but exercise its power less directly.

"The CPSU shall steer its political course via communists working in bodies of state authority in all spheres of society's life," the programme said.

Vladimir Kluyev, party leader of the Lenin district of Moscow and a conference delegate, said the plan would leave day-to-day management to government officials and economic administrators.

"The political and ideological work will remain, but we'll have more time, more effort, and the results will be better," he said.

However, the proposal raises the question whether the party can control strategic decisions if it gives up its authority to decide everyday matters.

Kluyev predicted to reporters that "no organizational questions will be considered at the conference" — meaning that Gorbachev won't attempt to cement his leadership position by making major personnel changes, as Stalin did 47 years ago.

Other party sources, however, speaking privately, said there may be some new appointments

to the 300-plus-member Central Committee to replace officials who have died or retired since their election at the last party congress in February 1986.

More than 60 Central Committee members elected at the last congress have died, retired or lost the jobs that traditionally had guaranteed them positions on the Central Committee.

Under the party rules that prevailed when Stalin presided over the 1941 conference, the party session could replace up to 20 per cent of the members of the Central Committee, which had been decimated by Stalin's purge of the party leadership.

Party rules have become more vague since then, and only one paragraph in eight pages is devoted to the functions of a party conference. It says a conference can be called "to discuss urgent questions of party policy."

Compared to the party congresses, which are held every five years to elect the Central Committee and set the party line on domestic and foreign policy for the coming five years, the vague rules apparently give the leadership latitude to present as much, or as little, as they see fit to the conference.

Report

Although Gorbachev will make a report to the conference, little is known about who else will speak or how the meeting will be structured. Soviet press reports indicate the opening and closing sessions will be televised, and some official press reports of the speeches and actions of the conference are expected to be published after the fact. But most of the proceedings probably will take place in secret.

When the conference was announced last June, it was

assumed Gorbachev would use the forum to attack resistance to his reforms and sweep some of his opponents off the Central Committee.

But some prominent Gorbachev supporters have been left off the delegate slate as local party officials rammed through their personal choices, and the party hierarchy had to scramble early this month to find spots for such well-known reformers as film-maker Yuri Afanasyev and filmmaker Elem Klimov.

Other Gorbachev supporters, including outspoken editor Vitaly Korotich of the weekly magazine Ogonyok, found safe seats from their home districts far from Moscow after being denied slots from Moscow.

Boris N. Yeltsin, the former Moscow party chief who was sacked after criticizing the slow pace of reform, was elected a delegate from Karelia, a far-northern region bordering Finland.

Economist Nikolai Shmelev, a leading proponent of radical changes, and sociologist Tatyana Zaslavskaya, regarded as an influential Gorbachev adviser, failed to be seated.

Protests

News reports of ballot-rigging by mid-level party officials led to protests in Moscow and Leningrad by unofficial political groups that have sprung up in the more tolerant atmosphere engendered by Gorbachev's programme of "glasnost," or openness.

Some reports circulating in Moscow predict Gorbachev will use the conference to institute some major economic changes to hasten the impact of his modernization programme known as "perestroika," or restructuring, on skeptical Soviet consumers who have yet to feel the effects of

three years of reform talk.

For instance, some sources have said, he may attempt to win endorsement for a system that would permit families to lease sections of collective farms from the state and sell their produce back to the collective at prevailing prices.

Such a step could have a relatively quick impact on the country's notoriously inefficient agricultural system that in recent years has forced the Soviet Union, which covers one-sixth of the world's land, to import food.

Statements

Others anticipate some party statement on nationalities problems, which have broken into the open in recent months as Armenians have sought to claim a territory held for 65 years by the neighbouring Republic of Azerbaijan.

Despite the effort by party officials to limit expectations, the Soviet media's publicity campaign about the conference has raised anticipation.

Among those seeking the attention of the party conference to redress grievances are a group that wants to build a memorial to Stalin's victims and Crimean Tatars continuing their campaign for restoration of the homeland Stalin took from them to punish them for alleged collaboration with Nazi forces in World War II.

Otto Latsis, deputy editor of the Theoretical Journal Kommunist and a conference delegate, said he sensed "an expectation of an instant miracle at the conference."

But he added, "I don't think that after three days of the conference we are going to be in quite another world. We'll have a better understanding of our progress on perestroika."

Refugees are pawns in Afghan political game

By Paul Kreisberg

WASHINGTON: How many of the more than 7 million Afghan refugees in Pakistan, Iran, and displaced within Afghanistan will return home? When will they go? How will they survive? Once home, will they once again attempt to flee the violence and deprivation they may find? These should be humanitarian issues but have become deeply embedded in regional politics.

The Soviets have now started to pull out of Afghanistan. The mujahideen guerrillas, the Kabul government's armed forces, and numerous semi-autonomous local armed groups are about to start what could be a prolonged and bloody struggle for power. The mujahideen coalition strongly opposes any refugee return until the Soviet withdrawal is completed. They say it will be unsafe for civilians to go home until then; more likely, they fear that their own influence will decline once refugees start to return to their traditional village and district environments.

Mistake

Washington wants to help the refugees; yet it understandably resists letting too much United Nations aid go through the Kabul regime which could unduly enhance that government's political prestige, legitimacy and influence inside Afghanistan. The United States is also trying to persuade the Peshawar coalition (several of its leaders are unabashedly anti-Western and anti-American) not to obstruct the Geneva agreements on Soviet withdrawal and the safe return of refugees; yet the US wants to

avoid tying itself irrevocably to that coalition.

It would be a serious mistake for the US to recognize a mujahideen-organized regime in some newly evacuated Afghan border town in the near future; it should certainly not be done while UN mediator Diego Cordovez is trying to work out some coalition compromise, as the US has agreed he should try to do. Pakistan and congressional friends of the mujahideen are likely to argue the contrary.

Most Afghan leaders, both in Kabul and in the resistance, seem to see the refugees primarily in political terms. They compete for the support of the refugees and view them as those they may be able to manipulate by controlling the flow and distribution of international aid. The Kabul regime, however, has now agreed to let aid flow directly to refugees from international agencies.

Dangerous

Refugee morale after eight years is said to be very low. Thousands of villages have been razed and elaborate irrigation works have gone to weed; millions of unexploded mines reportedly remain scattered around the countryside; health facilities and food reserves are virtually nil; and there is no prospect of planting crops that will grow before next spring.

Because the situation is dangerous it might be better if the refugees returned slowly. Ultimately the decisions must be left to the individuals involved. The US should make clear its firm opposition to any efforts at intimidation or obstruction by anyone to the refugees' return or to humanitarian efforts to supply

food, clothing, housing, and medicine on a non-discriminatory basis.

The UN co-ordinator of the humanitarian effort is Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan. Respected in both the Islamic world and the professional humanitarian community, he is a superb choice.

He confronts the most taxing refugee problem since the end of World War II. UN estimates of costs of resettling and caring for the refugees range from \$450 million to nearly \$2 billion, depending on whether one includes just food, medicine, and short-term housing or adds in reconstruction assistance.

Money will probably not be the real problem in the short run. US refugee funds were slashed 9 per cent this year and are likely to be reduced again next year. New food assistance, however, could be made available and funds could be shifted, if Congress agreed, from previously unobligated budget accounts, such as those allocated to buy arms for the mujahideen or cancelled military projects. Moreover, Japan and the Europeans are likely to be generous.

In every war, people take second place to political goals. The primary goal of the US in the Afghan conflict was to get the Soviet Army out, and the US has been successful. In the coming months the long-term issue of which Afghans run Afghanistan must not be allowed to blur US concern for the Afghan refugees, who have been the ultimate victims of the war.

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Bangkok holding parliamentary elections

Thailand tries again for coup-less democracy

By Clayton Jones

BANGKOK: If Thailand's July 24 parliamentary elections come off without Army interference, they will be the second such successful step toward a coup-less democracy in two years.

The Thai Army, which has ruled the country off and on ever since it reduced the role of the King to that of a constitutional monarch in 1932, has been uneasy about losing its economic and political dominance.

One of its own, former Gen. Prem Tinsulanonda, became prime minister in 1980, survived coup attempts in 1981 and 1985, and now is trying to shepherd the nation through a second electoral exercise.

Prem has slowly increased civilian control over the government. Last year, for instance, the parliament tried to probe a secret military fund, igniting an angry response from the armed forces.

Prem's astute balancing of fractious and often corrupt political parties has worked well up to now, helping Thailand achieve one of the highest economic growth rates in Asia.

Threat

But the threat of a parliamentary no-confidence vote against Prem in early May caused him to call for the new election.

This sudden and unexpected move is a good example — in three different ways — of Prem's political ability to stay on top:

● By holding another vote just two years after the 1986 election, he catches the political parties off guard. They have had little time to gather enough money for vote-buying — a traditional practice among many politicians. Voters may now

more likely choose candidates by merit than by money, helping to create a more mature democracy.

● Prem heads off a potential challenge from Army commander and acting Supreme Commander Chaovalit Yongchaiyuth. General Chaovalit tried to retire prematurely this month, but was refused by Prem, scuttling any possible plans by Chaovalit to be selected as the next civilian prime minister.

Chaovalit's next chance to become a civilian comes in September, when he turns 55, the Army retirement age.

● By holding an election at this time, Prem has played into a Thai tendency to maintain the political status quo during important celebrations of royalty.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

1501 — Pope Alexander VI confirms Franco-Spanish Treaty of Grenada for partition of Naples, and declares Luis XII as king of Naples.

1658 — Aurangzeb, Mogul emperor of Hindustan, imprisons his father, Shah Jehan, after winning battle of Samgarh.

1862 — United States recognizes independence of Liberia.

1872 — Roman Catholic Jesuit order is expelled from Germany.

1879 — Ismael/Khedive of Egypt is deposed by the Sultan and succeeded by Tewfik.

1890 — Cape parliament rejects plan for South African federation.

1924 — Britain says she will not abandon the Sudan, despite Egyptian demands for complete withdrawal.

1942 — British Air Force stages 1,000-bomber raid on Bremen, Germany, in World War II.

1950 — Korean war begins with North Korea's invasion of Republic of Korea.

1959 — Soviet Union proposes denuclearized zone in the Balkans and Adriatic.

1963 — President Moise Tshombe is forced to resign as Katanga's premier.

1966 — Vatican and Yugoslavia resume diplomatic relations in major move aimed at improving Roman Catholic relations with communist world.

1972 — Burundi government reportedly continues to execute Hutu tribe members, and about 25,000 Hutu refugees are reported fleeing to other countries.

1987 — Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev calls for sweeping changes in Soviet economy before year's end.

Mexico's peasants prefer rain to any presidential candidate

By Frederick Kiel

SOLEDAD, CAPUTITLA, Mexico, (UPI): The peasant leaned inward on the steep hillside to keep his balance as he placed the flat rock into the earth, part of a fragile bulwark to protect his nearly perpendicular corn field against erosion.

"Yes, we know all about the presidential elections," said Raul Montalvan, leaning against a shovel. "But what really concerns us is the lack of rain."

"It's very late this year. Can any of those candidates bring on the rain for me?"

Mexico's 29 million registered voters have a chance to vote July 6 to choose the man who will govern the nation of 82 million for the next six years.

All observers agree that Carlos Salinas de Gortari, standard bearer for the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, known as the PRI, will defeat four other candidates. The PRI

has governed modern Mexico since its inception in 1929, never losing a presidential or gubernatorial race.

Despite the practically foregone conclusion, the campaign has been more frenetic than ever this year, reaching even to isolated hamlets like Soledad Caputitla, a community of about 200 people high in the mountains above the Oaxaca Plain, 190 miles (305 km) southeast of Mexico City.

Opposition parties are trying to make inroads in the expected PRI victory by stressing what they call its failure to solve the six-year economic crisis which has brought hardship to urban and rural areas alike.

Soledad Caputitla is a community of scattered farms, almost all without electricity or running water, which are centered around wooden or mud brick houses perched on the many hills surrounding the hamlet's single, unpaved street. Coffee is the main cash crop

but farmers also plant corn, beans and other vegetables. There are flat plots in tiny valleys, but most available land lies on sharply rising hillsides that must be protected constantly against rain and wind that blow away the top soil.

The wealthy peasants also raise cattle, sheep or goats. Away from the main street, everyone travels by horse, mule or on foot.

There are some irrigated fields using many brooks that fall from the surrounding mountains. On them, corn already juts 3 to 4 feet high. But most peasants depend on the six-month rainy season.

So far this year the skies have been frugal, leaving the earth dry and crumbling, and a much greater worry than who will be the next occupant of Los Pinos, the presidential residence in Mexico City.

"The rains haven't arrived yet. That's the only thing people are really talking about," said farmer's daughter Antonia Sanchez.

TV CORNER

This week on KTV 2

SUNDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 The Care Bear Cartoons
6.30 Danger Bay: "Turning Tide." Carol is in love.
7.00 Understanding Islam: weekly talk on Islam.
7.36 The Wacky World of Sports: a half-hour show of unusual sports.
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Flying Doctors: "Departure." A nurse wants to leave her job for further studies but she is persuaded by the doctors to continue her work in the desert.
9.30 Together We Stand: family comedy.
10.00 Hilary's World of Adventure: tonight's episode focuses on motor racing and mountain climbing.
11.20 News Summary
12.45 Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown

MONDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Wildlife: cartoons
6.30 Sea: "World: diving adventure off the coast of countries in Central America."
7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world and local events.
7.30 Mr. Belvedere: "The Thief." Starring: Christopher Hewitt.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Murder, She Wrote: Jessica is involved in another exciting murder mystery. Starring: Angela Lansbury.
9.30 National Geographic: a look at landscapes — and natural beauty — around the world.
10.30 Ponderface: A series of bomb explosions occur simultaneously, baffling authorities. Crawley is in charge.
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown

TUESDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.15 Pole Position: cartoons
6.30 Punky Brewster: "Changes." Part 5. There is a ray of hope for Punky when she hears about Henry's new job and insists on going back to him. Starring: Soleil Moon-Fry.
7.00 The Natural World: "The Vanishing Earth." Part 2. A look at agricultural problems.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Moonlighting: Maddie tries to find out Dave's reaction to her proposed marriage. Starring: Cybill Shepherd and Bruce Willis.
9.30 Gimme A Break: "Joey's Teacher." Nell, trying to solve Joey's problems, gets into trouble herself. Starring: Nell Carter.
10.00 Twilight Zone: A spaceship crash lands in an alien world.
10.30 Made for TV Movie: "A Street to Die." After an ex-Vietnam veteran dies in an explosion his wife tries to follow-up the accident and comes up with a blank.
12.00 News Summary
12.05 Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown

WEDNESDAY

- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.15 Rainbow Brite: cartoons
6.30 Times of the World: "Sweet Island Sound." Tune in to music from the South Pacific islands.
7.30 Growing Pains: "Big Brother." Ben wants to buy a bike and asks Mike to help him; but Mike has other plans to use the money.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Back James: "Lives in Balance." James has to perform delicate surgery to save a child's life.

SUNDAY

- 10.15 Shams Al Khayr: this Arabic serial is shown daily and features Lawfi Abdul Hamid, Zizi Badawi, Suhair Barouni, Farouk Najib, Hardcastle and McCormick. Starring: Brian Keith. English serial.
4.15 Idiot Al Kalb: Arabic feature film. Starring: Samir Ghanem, Hussein Fahmi, Subair Raroui.
10.30 Late Night Variety Show: A Night with Majeda Roumi entitled "Najma Fi Sama'a Al Fann." hosted by Amina Al Sharrah.

MONDAY

- 11.15 Ghaddan Tabda, Al Hayat: a local daily Arabic serial, featuring Suad Abdullah, Hayat Al Fahad, Ghanem Al Saleh, Khalid Al Obeid.
12.15 Treasures of the Gulf: documentary on marine life in Gulf water.
4.15 Football: Tunis vs Mexico, replay of match played for the 1978 World Cup.
7.45 Quran and Science: "Alam Al Bahar."
10.45 Akhdam Al Shahab: Arabic feature film, starring Farid Al Atrash, Madiba Yusri, Tahya Karioka.

TUESDAY

- 12.15 Silver Spoons: English serial.
2.30 Wamrat Al Ayyam: Arabic serial, featuring Juliet Awad, Rubi Safdi, Susan Saleh, Iman Kamel.
4.15 Al Madoub: Arabic play, featuring Hussein Abideen, Laila Hamada, Faeza Kamal.
7.15 The World About Us: documentary.
10.45 Film Min Kitab: presented by Durriya Sharf Al Din. This episode focuses on the making of a Syrian movie entitled "Hadiha Nisf Mitir." Tonight's guests are Syrian director Samir Zikri and Egyptian writer Sabri Mousa.

WEDNESDAY

- 12.15 Shabab Wa Riyada: "People and Sports." Weekly local show on sports in Kuwait.
4.15 Dixie: English feature film, starring Bing Crosby, Dorothy Lamour. Some good minstrel numbers in this fictitious biography of a minstrel man, but story is weak and tiresome.
6.00 Basmal Wa Basmal: part 6, children's serial, featuring Abdul Rahman Abu Zahra, Liza.
10.45 Hikayat Min Al

KTV 1 weekly highlights

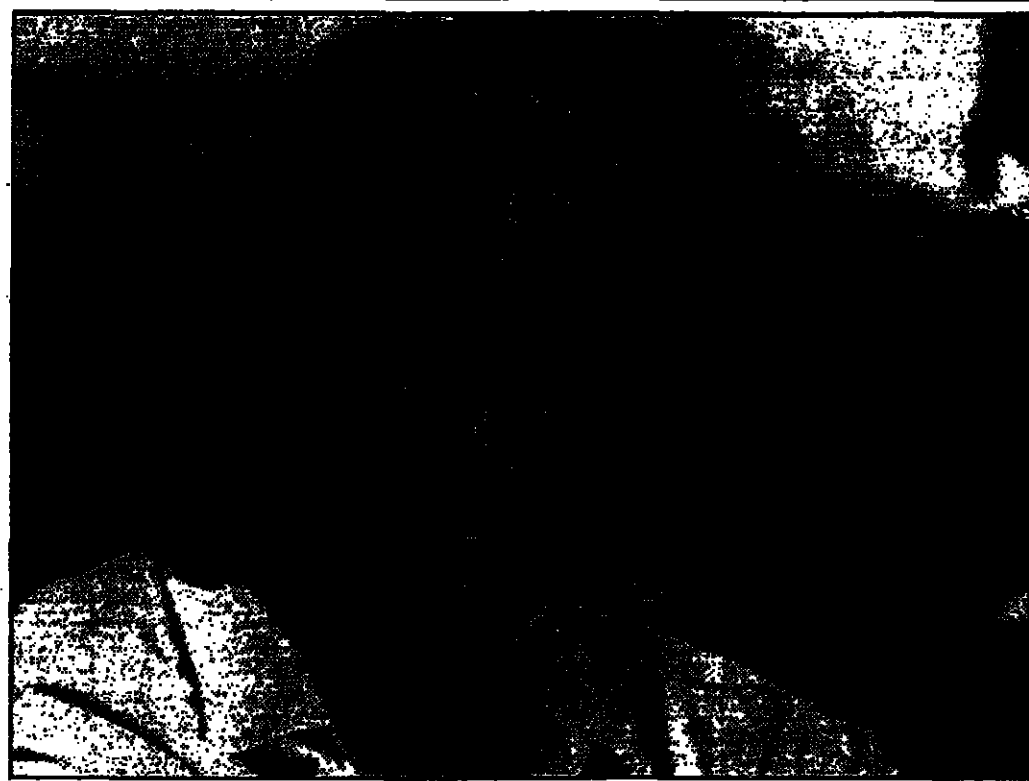


Hala Fuad in Fawazir Munasabat, on Thursday at 1.50 pm on KTV 1

- Badriyah: "Al Wa'ad." Starring: Miyad Awad, Hassan Ibrahim, Ashraf Abaza.
12.15 International Circus.
1.50 Fawazir Munasabat: featuring Yahya Fakhrani, Sabirin, Hala Fuad.
4.15 The Saint: Roger Moore plays debonair detective Simon Templar. Templar goes on a cruise and is present when the crew discover the body of the ship's captain. One of the people on board the ship is the killer. Templar tries to find out.
7.45 Al Bahath An Al Saadab: weekly serial, featuring Samir Ghanem, Hussein Mustafa.
10.00 Tala'a Al Naql: Arabic feature film, starring Firdous Abdul Hamid, Salah Saadani, Ahmad Rateb, Mohammad Tawfiq.
11.45 Late Night Variety Show: directed by Gbafil Fadel.

FRIDAY

- 10.15 Al Saif Al Mafloud: children's serial, starring Abdul Aziz Al Haddad, Ahmad Hazem, Ali Al Mufedi, Awatif Mohammad.
2.30 Hadith Deen: religious talk by Sheikh Mohammad Mutwabi Sharawi.
3.30 Anta Al Matroub: Arabic play, starring Ali Al Hajjar, Sahar Nooh, Wahid Saif, Ruwaida Adnan. Musical.
7.30 A Seminar on Islamic Philosophy: "The Rights of Man." Part 3.



Robert Mitchum stars in Thursday's late night movie, White Witch Doctor, 10.30 pm, KTV 2.

- 9.30 Wildlife on One: "Mysteries of the Chinese Cranes." Cranes, a common breed, is now fast disappearing. The species has survived in China.
10.00 Sledge Hammer: "Death of a Few Salesmen." A series of murders take place — all the victims were salesmen. Sledge is told to pose as a salesman and find the killer.
10.30 Private Eye: "Blue Hotel." A rock 'n' roll singer is involved in a murder.
11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.
THURSDAY
6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 She Ka: cartoons
6.30 The Mickey Mouse Club: a 30 minute show for young viewers.
7.00 P.M. Magazine: tonight's show examines supernatural powers, telepathy, spiritual healing and clairvoyance, and visits a contest to select the best-looking man.
8.00 News in English
8.40 TV Bloopers and Practical Jokes
9.05 Spenser for Hire: Robert Ulrich plays Spenser, a private eye, is hired by an aspiring politician to protect him during a campaign.
10.00 The Bill Cosby Show: "Calling Dr. Huxtable." Huxtable is on call, and believes he is overworked.
10.30 Late Night Movie: "White Witch Doctor." (1953). Starring: Robert Mitchum, Susan Hayward, Walter Slezak. Babuka territory is scene of diverse interest of nurse Hayward who wants to bring modern medicine to natives and adventurers Mitchum and Slezak bent on finding hidden treasure.
12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown
FRIDAY
2.00 Holy Quran
2.10 Cartoons
2.30 Sports Studio
6.10 Foo Far: new cartoons for children.

NIGHT CHEMIST

- Kuwait
Baghdad Pharmacy
Abdullah Al Salem St.
Al Bakhssamy Pharmacy
nr. Sharq roundabout,
Ahmad Al Jaber St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Badar Pharmacy
Tunis St., Hawalli
Salimiya and Rumaythiya
Al Maideen Pharmacy
Baghdad St.
Fahadheel and Ahmadi
Al Badiya Pharmacy
Mohd. Jasssem Dabbous
Bldg., Dabbous St.
Khalifa
Al Khaiteen Pharmacy
Ibrahim Bin Adham St.
Jahra
Al Zahra Pharmacy
New Market

CINEMA TODAY

- Al Andalus
The Last Shark
Starring: James Francisco, Vicki Moro
Al Salimiya
Desperately Seeking Susan
Starring: Madonna
Al Hamra
Ayyam Fi London (Arabic)
Starring: Samira Tawfiq, Yusuf Shaban
Drive-In
Laila Al Kabz Ala Bakaiza
Wa Zaghloul (Arabic)
Starring: Suhair Babli, Issad Yunus
Fahadheel Open-Air
Aurat Ka Inteqam (Hindi)
Al Jahra
Running Man
Granada
Deedar
Salaibikhat
Liqa Fi Taddamur (Arabic)
Al Jleeb
Swati Tirunal (Malayalam)
Ahmadi Drive-In
Carry On England

PRAYERS

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| Fajr | 3.14am |
| Zuhr | 11.50 |
| Asr | 3.24 pm |
| Maghreb | 6.51 |
| Isha | 8.23 |

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Good Morning
9.30 Rahlat Haul Al Alam: cartoon serial
10.15 Shams Al Khayr: Arabic serial, featuring Tawfiq Abdul Hamid, Zizi Badawi.
11.15 Ghaddan Tabda: Al Hayat: Arabic serial, starring Suad Abdullah, Hayat Al Fahad, Ghanem Al Saleh.
12.15 Alif Ba Ta Matbakh: a programme on Arabic cooking.
1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via Satellite
2.00 Songs and Music
2.35 Wamrat Al Ayyam: Arabic serial, featuring Juliet Awad, Rubi Safdi.
3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoons
4.20 Hikayat Al Ayyam Al Aseebah: Starring Khalil Shawki, Yusuf Al Aani, Suad Abdullah.
7.00 Noor Al Islam:

prepared and presented by Ahmad Abdul Qadir

- 7.20 Nazrat Alal Alam
8.00 Security and Citizens: presented by Ahmed Sharqawi.
8.30 Souk Al Ghaz: daily Arabic serial
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Naar wa Duqqan: daily Arabic serial, starring Kamal Shinnawi, Shihhan, Mustafa Fahmi, Ahmad Badr.
10.50 Al Liqa Al Thani: weekly Arabic serial, starring Basi, Mahmoud Yassin, Mohammad Khairi.
11.45 News Summary
11.50 World News via Satellite
12.25 Holy Quran Closedown

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Thundercats: "The Evil Harp." Animated feature for young viewers about the daring adventures of the Thundercats.

- 6.30 Great Expectation: based on Charles Dickens novel.
7.30 Alf: "Night Train." Alf wants to go on a train ride.
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Blue Knight: "A Slight Case of Murder." Morgan tries to solve a murder case.
9.30 Smithsonian World: "Speaking Without Words." A look at various means of communication, for instance sign language.
10.30 Late Night Movie: "Into Thin Air." Based on a real event, it tells the story of a man who goes on a holiday and disappears without a trace.
12.00 News in Brief
12.05 Magazine D'Actualite Holy Quran Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Tareq Rajeb Museum
The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9am to 12 noon and 4 to 7pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

Islamic Arts Museum
The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

SOCIAL

D'Assisi Association
The association will hold a social evening cum entertainment on August 11 at Messiah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5pm; Henry 3291909/am, 3717346 (pm) or Augustin 5746754 after 6pm.

United Goans Centre
The UGC will hold their annual Summer Balle '88 contest on August 11. The committee will host a gala event to mark the 10th anniversary of UGC.

Onam Festival
The Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Perumpilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Varghese Paradayil — 3422973.

YMCA
The YMCA will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.

CINEMA

British Council
The feature film "The Shooting Party" will be shown at 6.30 pm on Saturday and Sunday, at the British Council, Mansouriya. It is a charming, perceptive story about the last gasps of Edwardian Society. Approximately 96 minutes. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533204; 2533227.

HOTELS

At the Meridian
A Fiqan Tea Lounge features a selection of coffee, tea and juice. Live entertain-

ment in the evenings is provided. Versailles is open daily for lunch and dinner featuring Continental cuisine. Business lunch with three choices daily also offered. Live entertainment in the evening.

At the Sheraton
Nightly dine in the Hunt Room and with live music by the Trio Paradise. For lunch Hunt Room offers a la carte, Tarbouche on the Roof offers a selection of Lebanese cuisine in Al Hambra Night club every Sunday night; live entertainment by the World Machine band.

At the Continental
The Gardenia, open from 7am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays; the buffet features grilled specialties. The Friday lunch features Indian, Arab and Continental cuisine. The Darbar offers an Indian buffet lunch daily except Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

SPORTS

PBAK Bowling Clinic
The PBAK will hold the officers meeting on Saturday, 7.30pm, at Pullman Hotel. They will discuss the forthcoming PBAK inter-commercial bowling league and formation of Philippine team and other activities. For details call Sarah Macarabang, director, tel: 4843447, or Ojie Olor, president, 5634200.



Bangladeshi engineers and architects in Kuwait on Thursday held a Eid reunion party at the Messiah Beach Hotel. A large number of families attended. Above: some of the ladies who attended the party.

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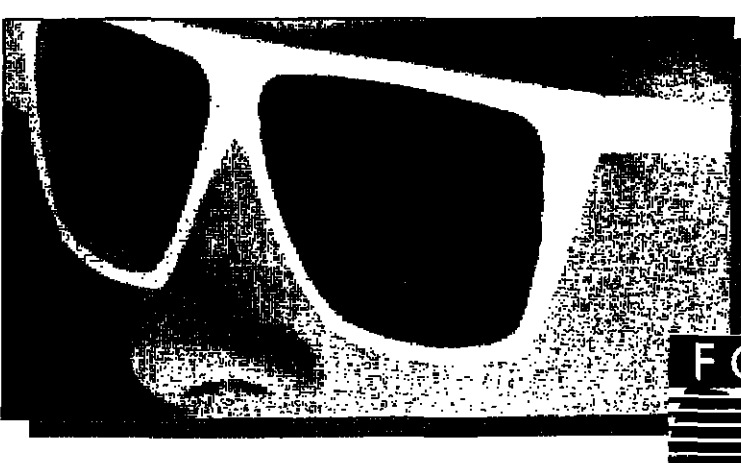
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By Mike Hirano

ASTHE late John Lennon once suggested, if rock 'n' roll was given another name — it might be called Chuck Berry.

Elvis Presley symbolised the music's look. Little Richard was its showman, but Chuck Berry was its pioneer guitarist and outstanding songwriter.

Today, at the age of 61 — 33 years after his debut hit Maybelle — Berry is still rockin'. More than that, he has just entered one of the busiest stages in his long career, in which has helped to change the face of popular music and influenced some of its most revered stars.

The recently released Halli Rock 'n' Roll, a two-hour film featuring both concert and documentary footage of Berry, bears testimony to his impact. Keith Richards and Eric Clapton — two of rock's greatest guitarists — appear in it playing Berry songs as a tribute to their hero.

Berry has also had his own story published — Chuck Berry: The Autobiography. Articulate and moving, it was penned by Berry without the assistance of a ghost writer.

Influence

Remarkable he may be, and songs like Johnny B. Goode, Roll Over Beethoven and Sweet Little Sixteen are classic and enduring reminders of his talents, but Berry is loathe to over-emphasise his feats.

Notoriously difficult to interview and extremely wary of strangers, Berry will, however, step out of his shell for long enough to refute the frequent suggestion that he is a genuine 'living legend.'

"A living legend? I don't know about that," he shrugs. "That doesn't enter into my performance to any effect. When I'm out there on stage,



Ex-Beatle Harrison (left): 'So many people owe so much to Berry for style and ideas'

Chuck Berry: Mr Rock 'n' Roll

I'm only interested in what's happening right now. I'm not a legend because I don't start anything. But I might have given it a big kind of shot in the arm."

Berry's fans are not so laid back in their appreciation of him. "So many people owe so much to him for style and ideas," explains ex-Beatle George Harrison. "He is really an all-time great as a rock and roll and rhythm and blues innovator."

John Lennon was equally in awe of him. "Chuck Berry was one of my main influences when I was learning guitar," he admitted. "More than that, he's one of the great all-time poets. You can hear Berry in the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and in Bob Dylan. Dylan in his electric days was very Berrish. Chuck is one of the great, great ones."

He also helped to put the famous swagger into Mick Jagger. "There were quite a few American rock singers who got me going when I was starting out," Jagger recalls. "But none had a greater influence than Chuck Berry."

"We'd really study what he was doing, really try and soak it all up. Maybe it made me imitative — but at least I was trying to imitate someone really important."

Chuck was born Charles Edward Berry in St. Louis, Missouri, to Henry Berry, a carpenter, and his wife, Martha. Both members of the Antioch Baptist Church Choir in St. Louis, Berry's parents ensured that there was music and singing around the household from the earliest times.

"I actually believe I learned the majority of the first bunch



Singer Chuck Berry in the early years.

of words in my vocabulary from listening to the lyrics of the songs that my mother would sing while doing housework," he says.

"Whatever the chore, she'd unfailingly tackle it while belting out a hymn after hymn. Sometimes she would emphasise a passage in a song and the change in her volume and expression would frighten me. It was as if she'd suddenly discovered Jesus standing in the house enjoying the song?"

Duck walk

Long before he ever picked up a guitar, one of Chuck's most identifiable stage trademarks was born in the family kitchen, not that he realised it himself until many years later.

Forever playing with his favourite rubber ball as a child, Berry would often lose it beneath the kitchen table, much to the annoyance of his mother when he came to retrieve it. He developed a method of

getting it back which he hoped would go unnoticed. "Stooping with full-bended knees, but with my back and head vertical, I could fit under the tabletop — while scooting forward and reaching for it."

He adds: "This squatting manner was then requested by members of the family many times thereafter for the entertainment of visitors. Soon, from their appreciation and encouragement, I looked forward to the ritual."

"An act was in the making. After it had been abandoned for years, I happened to remember the manoeuvre while performing in New York for the first time. Some journalists branded it the 'duck walk'."

Berry prefers not to linger on other aspects of his youth — such as the delinquency which led to the first of his three prison sentences. He spent three years, from 1941 to 1944, in the Intermediate Reformatory for Young Men following armed

robberies which he and some friends carried out in Kansas City. "Our take was 32 dollars at a barber shop and 62 dollars at a bakery," he reveals.

Berry took up the guitar while he was at High School, buying himself an acoustic six-string and hiring a tutor. Having worked in a car factory and trained as a hairdresser, he formed his first group — The Chuck Berry Combo — in 1952. Shortly after he flew to Chicago for a holiday and met the man who was to set his career rolling, the famed blues guitarist Muddy Waters. Berry asked his advice about recording contracts, and Waters recommended he should visit the Chess label.

Berry did and, in 1955, Maybelle was realised. It immediately became a nationwide hit in America, winning Billboard magazine's triple award as biggest selling R'n'B record, the most played on R'n'B radio stations and on American juke boxes.

The success turned him into the first black rock 'n' roll star and, as the hits continued, Berry was able to open the Chuck Berry Bandstand Club in St. Louis towards the end of 1959.

It was there that Berry had his second brush with the law. He brought an Indian girl from Texas to work at the club, but at 14-year-old she was underage and Berry had apparently transported her illegally across state lines. Under America's Mann Act, Berry had committed an offence. In 1962 he went to jail for two years.

Marriage

His third spell behind bars came in 1979 when he was given a three-month sentence for evading more than \$100,000 in taxes. But Berry didn't waste his time in prison, and neither is he bitter to have been sent there in the first place.

He took courses in everything from accounting to physiotherapy — and used his time to work on his autobiography. Begun in 1959, and restarted inside a cell eight years later.

"I wrote it on yellow prison paper," he says. "Sheet after sheet — the government had plenty of it. But none of that



Lennon: 'Dylan (above) in his electric days was very Berrish'

business makes me angry, because if the next door neighbour leaves his rake in the yard and I go over and stand on it, I'm just not looking where I'm leaping. I'd get hurt."

Having a criminal record does not appear to be one of Berry's biggest regrets. He was more concerned about marrying his wife Themetta, whom he wed in his early 20s.

"I hate making mistakes that are entirely down to me," he explains. "I've made two major ones. The first was leaving school early, and the second was marrying too late. I've been wed for 39 years to the most wonderful woman in the world — just wish it had been longer."

"We have a wonderful marriage, we're as much in love now as when we first married."

In the past, Berry has been financially strung but despite all his other troubles, he has emerged a wealthy man.

He has invested wisely, can watch his money — and think back on a long list of priceless memories. He was once backed by Bruce Springsteen, who panicked and struggled to find the right key.

"It was the kind of night that I'll tell my grandkids about," Berry grins — and of ordering another guitarist off stage for playing too loud. He later found out it was Keith Richards appearing incognito.

Berry remains happy to play while there are still people to listen — but he has no desire to go down in history as the greatest rock 'n' roller ever.

Gibson takes No.1 spot on US pop charts

NEW YORK (AP): Debbie Gibson's new hit Foolish Beat took over the top of the single pop record charts in the United States on Wednesday, jumping from third position last week.

Rick Astley's Together Forever fell one notch to second place on the Cash Box magazine chart, as Dirty Diana by Michael Jackson soared up three notches to third position.

Make It Real by the Jets retained its fourth spot, while George Michael's One More Try dropped to fifth place from last week's second position.

The Valley Road by Bruce Hornsby and the Range climbed two spots to number six.

Two newcomers to the top ten list were The Flame by Cheap Trick, up from 11th to 7th, and Mercedes Boy by the Pebbles, up from 15th to 10th.

As for the country-and-western singles, If It Don't Come Easy by Tanya Tucker was number one on the Cash Box magazine chart. Alabama's Fallin' Again was second and I Told You So by Randy Travis was third.

Top Ten US

The ten top pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (3) Foolish Beat — Debbie Gibson (Atlantic)

2. (1) Together Forever — Rick Astley (RCA)

3. (6) Dirty Diana — Michael Jackson (Epic)

4. (4) Make It Real — The Jets (MCA)

5. (2) One More Try — George Michael (Columbia)

6. (8) The Valley Road — Bruce Hornsby and the Range (RCA)

7. (11) The Flame — Cheap Trick (Epic)

8. (7) Circle in the Sand — Belinda Carlisle (MCA)

9. (9) Alphabet Street — Prince (Paisley Park-Warner Brothers)

10. (15) Mercedes Boy — Pebbles (MCA)

The ten top country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (3) If It Don't Come Easy — Tanya Tucker (Capitol)

2. (5) Fallin' Again — Alabama (RCA)

3. (11) Told You So — Randy Travis (Warner Brothers)

4. (7) Love of a Lifetime — Larry, Steve, Rudy: The Gatlin Brothers (Columbia)

5. (8) Satisfy You — Sweethearts of the Rodeo (Columbia)

6. (2) Out of Sight and on my Mind — Billy Joe Royal (Atlantic America)

7. (10) If You Change Your Mind — Rosanne Cash (Columbia)

8. (4) He's Back and I'm Blue — The Desert Rose Band (MCA-Curb)

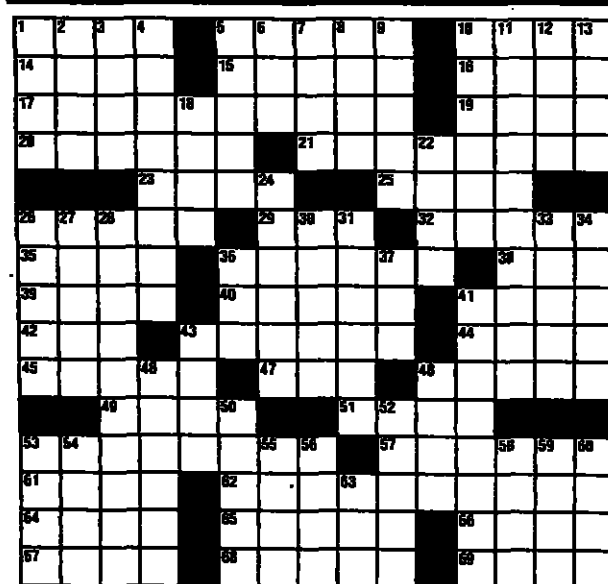
9. (11) Set 'em Up Joe — Vom Gosdin (Columbia)

10. (12) Talkin' to the Wrong Man — Michael Martin Murphy (with Ryan Murphy) (Warner Brothers)



Jackson: jumps up three places

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Iowa college town
- 5 Noted Bergen
- 10 Hindu god
- 14 Heart
- 15 Tropical vine
- 16 Rare bird
- 17 Explains
- 19 Detail
- 20 Colonize
- 21 Oath takers
- 23 "— mdney..."
- 25 Row
- 26 Improve
- 29 Atmosphere: Comb. form
- 32 Auction agreements, for short
- 35 Powdery substance
- 36 Estuaries
- 38 Track
- 39 Chills
- 40 Pare
- 41 Place for a chapeau
- 42 Place: Abbr.
- 43 Vacillate
- 44 To be: Fr.
- 45 River at Orleans
- 47 Anguilla
- 48 Artist's stand
- 49 Headless
- 51 Certain clams: Abbr.
- 53 Glitters
- 57 Most extensive
- 61 Garb for Cynthia Harvey
- 62 Makes clear
- 64 Portent
- 65 Pamplona's locale
- 66 Gulls and terns
- 67 — the buck
- 68 Sharpens
- 69 Vigorous spirit
- DOWN**
- 1 Decreases

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ASOF MALTA ROWS
RARE SWEEP OBOE
TYRERUNSSHOWING
EVADIE STILETTO
LYS ELK ASIN
CLARA VAULT
AARE MANAGE LEB
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ANT ESTATE ESSIE
REACT CELTS
ROTE CSA APT
ARSENATE TERRA
WEEDSSHOOTINGUP
ANTIA TONDO DUDIE
GOAL ESSEN SEIER

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

GIVE ONE, GET TWO

East-West vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ J
♥ 10 6 4 3
♦ J 10 6
♣ A K Q J 10

EAST
♠ K Q 10 8 6 3
♥ A 5 2
♦ K 9 4 3
♣ 9 6 5

SOUTH
♠ A 9 2
♥ K 9 7
♦ A Q 5 2
♣ 8 3 2

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1 ♠ 1 ♠ 2 ♠
Pass 3 ♠ Pass 3 NT
Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Four of ♠

The one truly international tournament is the Epson event, played on the same day, and approximately at the same time, throughout the world. The 1988 event will be held worldwide on June 3. The competition is the brainchild of the current president of the European Bridge Federation, Jose Damiani of France. A sometime partner of one of your authors, Damiani displayed the precision of a computer on this hand from the French Team

Championship. Both teams reached three no trump on similar auctions. Note South's cue-bid to set a game force—it promised nothing about control of the spade suit. At both tables West led a spade, and declarer held up the ace on the first two rounds. At both tables East shifted to the queen of hearts at trick three, and both declarers covered with the king.

One West grabbed the ace, and returned the suit. Had East held the nine of hearts instead of the eight, he would have defeated the contract. As it was, declarer now had nine tricks—five clubs, two hearts and one each in spades and diamonds.

At the other table, Damiani heeded the advice so often heralded in this column: "Before committing yourself to a line, take time to count the tricks." He saw that, even if declarer made a heart trick, he had only eight tricks—five clubs, two aces and the heart. So he allowed declarer to win the trick. South had no counter.

Declarer gave it his best shot by continuing with a heart. Damiani allowed that to run to East's jack, and the inevitable diamond return set up a trick in that suit before declarer had established his ninth trick in hearts.



THE WIZARD OF ID

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YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will not feel in top form and should try to take it easy. Stop reproaching yourself for not having done better, instead try to do better next time. Avoid repeating yourself. Be considerate.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Make sure you do not over do the exercise but do not abandon them completely either. You should face up to the consequences of your actions. Make sure you get sufficient minerals and vitamins in what you eat. Be more matter of fact.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Do not try to blame someone else for what is clearly your own fault. You should not pretend to be something that you are not.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will tend to tire easily so concentrate on doing what has to be done and then relax. You will be able to deal with something that has been on your conscience. Do not live without letting live. Be a little less timid.

Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You will be able to make a few changes for the better. You should not take everything quite so literally. Merely hoping for the best will not be enough to make what you desire happen. Be tactful.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You should be prepared to take things a little more as they come. You should try harder to distinguish between what is malleable and what can be changed for the better.

Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

There will be some changes — not all of them for the better. You should stick strictly to the facts and avoid daydreams. What you have learnt recently will stand you in good stead. Be cordial.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You should avoid relying too heavily on credit. You will have something personal to be pleased about. Avoid having a 'lie-in' but get enough rest. Be a little more generous.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You should make sure you keep in touch with your friends. Keep your options open and do not take too much for granted. Especially now excessive drinking is to be avoided. Be less insistent.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)

You should do your best not to be boring. Try to avoid doing anything that might give rise to an accident. If you get into an argument make sure it does not become a quarrel. Be consistent.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You should avoid doing anything that is controversial just now. Your children will give you something to be pleased about. If you are learning something new, say a language, you should persist. Be responsive.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You will tend to tire easily so do not exert yourself beyond the necessary. You should not try to evade the consequences of your actions, instead face up to them.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Two views on the Afghan question

Helpless pawn in a century-old power game

By R. Cort Kirkwood

Afghanistan: The Great Game Revisited, edited by Rosanne Klass. New York: Freedom House, \$19.95.

The Fall of Afghanistan, An Insider's Account, by Abdul Samad Ghans. London: Pergamon-Brassey's International Defense Publishers, \$25.

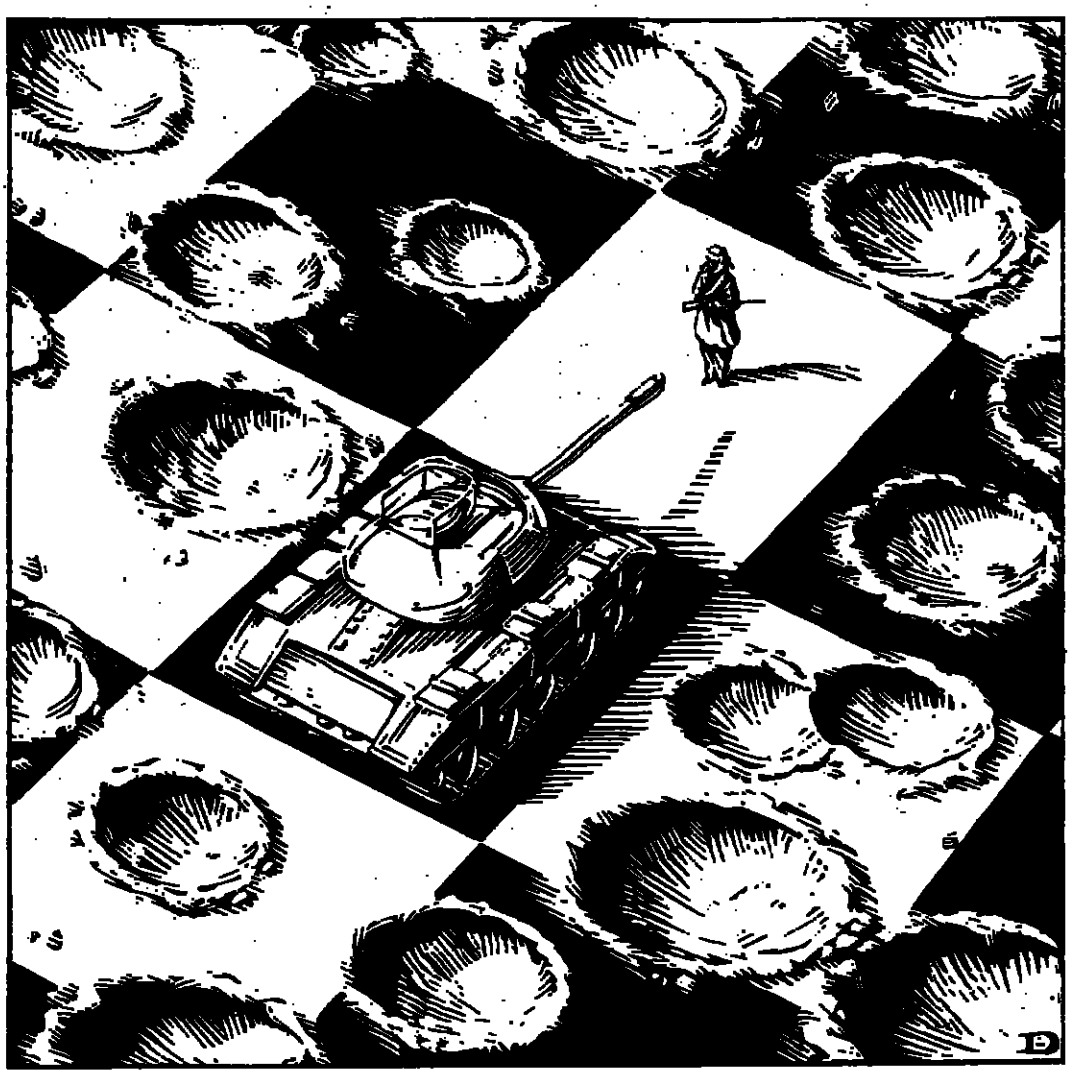
UNTIL 1979, the word "Afghan" probably brought to most people's minds thoughts about cuddly wool blankets or those stately, thin hounds that regular people can't afford. Then the Soviets invaded Afghanistan, and the dozing masses were rudely awakened to the fact that people known as Afghans were being massacred by the Red Army.

Eight years later, the Soviets have killed more than 5 million Afghans and killed 9 per cent of Afghanistan's population in a war marked by cruelty of Visigothic proportions: population bombing; the wholesale destruction of towns, agriculture, and livestock; the raping of women; and the truly evil, intentional maiming of children with bombs disguised as toys. Even the United Nations is calling it genocide. Two recently published books tell the whole bloody story.

"Afghanistan, the Great Game Revisited," a collection of scholarly articles, derives its name from Kipling's term for the struggle over Afghanistan between the British and czars that began in 1791. The British wanted Afghanistan as a buffer state to protect India, while the Russians were trying to gain access to the Indian Ocean, a policy continued by the Bolsheviks after they conquered Central Asia. The effort to keep the Russians and their Soviet successors out of Afghanistan was largely successful until the end of World War II, when the British Empire began to fold.

In "The Fall of Afghanistan, An Insider's Account," former Deputy Foreign Minister Abdul Ghans paints a picture of Afghan leaders walking a thin line between the Soviets and British, trying to accommodate the Soviets in the hope they would be left alone. They greeted the emergence of American might with interest and were thrilled about the role that this noncolonial, non-European power would inevitably be called upon to play in shaping the new post-war world. But the Afghans didn't expect the United States to turn a cold shoulder.

In "The Great Game," the late State Department official Leon Poulada details the failure of the United States to capitalise on Afghanistan's oft-stated desire to begin a commercial and military relation-



ship with the United States, leaving the country open to Soviet political, economic, and military pressure. From 1953 to 1979, the US repeatedly and short-sightedly rejected Afghan requests for economic and military aid, forcing the country to look north. The American national-security community simply didn't view Afghanistan as a strategic asset, an erroneous judgement in light of the Russians' historical quest toward the warm waters of the Indian Ocean.

American policymakers also thought "more active US involvement with Afghanistan would prove fatal for the latter, because Russia would feel threatened by a greater US role there," Ghans writes. In addition, the US viewed aid to Afghanistan as an action against its ally in Pakistan, rather than an opportunity to build an alliance between the two states.

When Mohammad Daoud came to power in 1953, he turned to the Soviets for economic and military assistance because of the West's "proven negative attitude toward Afghanistan's problems."

By 1978, the year of the communist coup, the Soviets had invested \$3 billion in Afghanis-

tan and trained 8,000 Afghans in schools and in the military in the Soviet Union. They were already in charge of the country when the Red Army swept in after Christmas 1979.

"A careful study of history," Poulada writes, "reveals that the 1979 Soviet invasion, far from being a casual, random or defensive move, was the culmination of a calculated process which... involved five stages": the establishment of a subversive infrastructure, the formation of a secret Communist Party, a Communist-backed coup in 1973 to destroy the monarchy and establish "behind-the-scenes" Soviet control, and two optional stages — the overthrow of Daoud, who took care of the monarchy for the Soviets, and when his successor proved incapable of defeating a resistance, the invasion and "installation of totally controlled puppets and absorption of Afghanistan into the Soviet bloc."

A popular myth exploded by "The Great Game" is that the Soviets are "bogged down" in their own "Vietnam." Nothing could be further from the truth. Despite Mikhail Gorbachev's metaphorical allusion to Afghanistan as a "bleeding wound,"

the "Soviet military appears to be delighted with its strategic and tactical gains resulting from the seizure" and "unconcerned about the costs." The Soviet-enlisted population is "very cohesive and stable" and casualties are "well within the average of the Soviet armed forces," Yossef Bodansky writes. "The Soviet Union is presently winning in Afghanistan and is closer than ever before to total victory."

Illusion

According to a US-educated Afghan economist, M. Siddiq Noorzoy, an illusion that the war is too costly for the Soviets to continue is "part of the rationale for the frequent description of 'Afghanistan as Moscow's Vietnam.' An examination of the economic data suggests that... under the rubric of international trade, the Afghans are being forced to pay for the invasion and occupation of their country." One way the Soviets reverse the charges is by purchasing Afghan crude oil for about \$45 per barrel, and selling refined products back to the Afghans for more than \$90.

Finally, Ghans points to the ultimate cause of the "downfall of the Republic": "Mohammad Daoud had seized power

primarily with the help of Communist military officers. As part of the price for their help, he had to include them in the government apparatus. However, the number of leftists and their sympathisers appointed to sensitive jobs... quickly reached alarming proportions."

In 1975, trying to "resist the spread" of the "imported ideology" of communism, he "greatly curtailed Communist influence" in his government and began moving on the Army. He also tried to open up relations with Iran and the Arab countries. Daoud told Ghans, "You know the gamble is lost." The next year Daoud and his family were killed in the Soviet-backed coup.

Ghans says Daoud was "tough and demanding... extremely sceptical of the Afghan Communists... whose old-fashioned nationalism was in flagrant conflict with Communist internationalism. He could not bring himself to accept the hard-core Communists as patriotic Afghans."

The question that looms at the end of Ghans's book — the theme of which is the losing gamble Daoud took in trying to resist Soviet hegemony even as he invited Moscow to gradually take over the infrastructure of the country — is why, if he was so suspicious of communists, he trusted them in the first place. Why develop so close a relationship with the Soviets?

Both books question the wisdom of signing an agreement for Soviet withdrawal that allows communists a role in governing the country. Klass notes that the accord to which the US so hastily agreed in Geneva does not account for 4,000 KGB-trained secret police set up to control the country after the Soviets leave. Nor does it require the withdrawal of thousands of East-bloc and Soviet advisers running the country.

Ghans observes that the Soviets "may withdraw their armed forces from that country, if an advantageous deal is offered to them in a superpower settlement or if the West, and especially Pakistan, recognises a pro-Moscow government in Kabul... In the euphoria of Soviet military withdrawal, the other components of the political solution would be conveniently forgotten, and the Soviets would continue to control Afghanistan through a pro-Moscow government."

On Jan. 12, 1988, Pakistani President Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq agreed communists must be included in any post-occupation Afghan government.

1988, The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

Cricket from a vantage viewpoint

By Robin Marlar

ON balance cricket must be thankful to have attracted so many devotees in high places. Kicked out of 17th-century Whitehall by Oliver Cromwell, Stuart courtiers spread the game all over England. Governors and their entourages then disseminated it wherever English was spoken.

For much of this century Robert Menzies, long-time prime minister of Australia, found Lord's "an island of tranquillity in a sea of troubles."

President Zia was keen enough to persuade Imran Khan to forsake retirement and lead Pakistan in what became a memorable recent tour of the West Indies.

From 1972 to 1980, Michael Manley was prime minister of Jamaica and, if political pollsters are to be believed, he will shortly be re-elected.

He has long been known by cricketers as a charming companion and well-informed student of the game. He was first introduced to it by Allan Rae, then a fine Test batsman and now the president of the West Indian board of control, with whom he shared a flat in his salad days in London.

From that vantage point Manley watched the historic tour of 1950, when Ramadhin and Valentine, "those two little pals of mine" immortalised in calypso, earned the West Indies their first victory in England.

When Manley left office his lovely island was in economic shambles, a country on the edge of chaos where Test matches could not be finished with certainty, especially if the West Indies were likely to lose.

His attempt to implement his view of the world, Marxist-tinged, failed. When the author of books entitled *The Politics of Change*, *A Voice At The Work-place* and *Up The Down Escalator* turns his attention to a history of West Indies cricket, it is important to establish whence he comes.

That said, Manley now reveals himself as a rattling good cricket writer. The story is of hardship, romance and suc-



Michael Holding in action against England in 1976: threatening the very existence of batsmanship?

cess. His treatment is comprehensive, distinguished and elegant. The form is unusual. Each chapter begins with thoughts from President Rae's box during the Test at Kingston in February 1986, when England was revealed as a selling platter while the West Indian Derby-winner galloped home.

Politicians, more than any of us, have to be winners. To be defeated is to be outside, in darkness. Unless they have matured to fully-rounded statesmanship as opposed to remaining merely power-hungry, they can exert a distorting influence on spot, especially cricket, an activity in which both winners and losers should be cherished. Sport is about taking part, as well as about winning.

Issue

Writing in the tradition established by C.L.R. James, Manley exhibits the chips on the shoulder that some of us have had to come to terms with in the post-colonial West Indies, at once aggressive, demanding recognition, self-righteous, anti-white. It is not surprising. A universally balanced view of the multi-racial world remains in the deep future.

Where I take particular issue with Manley is over his uncritical defence of the era of Clive Lloyd, who has written

the introduction to this book. During it, the beautiful game was brutalised by the aggressive fast bowlers. However graceful these may look in full flow, whether English, Australian or West Indian, when they direct non-stop assault on the body rather than the stumps, fast bowlers threaten the very existence of batsmanship.

It is ironic that the great players to whom Manley dedicated his book, Constantine, Headley, Worrell, Lloyd and Sobers, all gave generously to the art of batting. Where are their successors, the followers of Richards, now that a combination of head-high bowling and poor pitches has killed off the exuberance which Manley rightly extols as the great West Indian contribution to cricket, and replaced it with nervous self-defence?

Indeed, with the number of street games falling in Kingston and Bridgetown, cricket itself is threatened in the Caribbean because it has been made so physical. And yet apart from language, and an under-funded university, there is no other link than cricket between the islands of the English-speaking Caribbean.

A history of West Indies Cricket by Michael Manley. Introduction by Clive Lloyd, Deedsch 17.95 pp 575

Supreme self-publicist

By Chris Wilkins

THE UNPUBLISHED DAVID OGILVY By David Ogilvy, edited by Joel Raphaelson. Slagwick, £10.95.



DAVID OGILVY is the acceptable face of advertising. Civilised, direct and urbane, he nonetheless has a strong streak of Caledonian recititude which emerges in much of what he writes.

He is the only British advertising man to have made it big on Madison Avenue (the Saatchis bought it, rather than made it) and his first book, *Confessions of an Advertising Man*, was broad enough in its appeal to attract an audience wider and less self-obsessed than the advertising industry. This new volume, alas, is unlikely to have a similar appeal, and the sad thing about it for him is that the blame cannot really be laid at his own door.

The Unpublished David Ogilvy is a rag-bag of his lecture notes and internal memoranda, along with personal anecdotes, assembled by loyal employees and printed privately for presentation to him on the occasion of his 75th birthday. One of Ogilvy's oft-repeated

maxims is that hard work never killed anybody. By that reckoning, then, reading this book will cause no fatalities.

The back of the dust-cover yields five gems, or at least semi-precious stones of probable durability, such as:

Develop your eccentricities while you're young. That way, when you get old, people won't think you're going gaga.

If you ever find a man who is better than you are, hire him. If necessary pay him more than you pay yourself.

But why is it that I am left with the uncomfortable suspicion that only a man who believed there was nobody bet-

ter than himself would have issued the latter injunction?

The much-vaunted lecture on leadership tells us very little more than the fact that David Ogilvy believes in it, and is good at it, and anyone who can stand up in public and say, "Last summer the Queen asked me what I did for a living..." answers Her Majesty's question, even as he recalls it. David Ogilvy is a supreme self-publicist.

There are only two really impressive sections in the book. The first is a salesman's guide to selling Aga stoves, which he wrote when he was 24. It is the most persuasive piece of selling copy I have ever read, and Aga, should they be in need of a sales boost, should run it immediately as a double page spread in the Telegraph Sunday Magazine.

The other is a letter of advice to his 18-year-old great-nephew about the advisability of going to university. He provides three immaculately developed arguments, each of which persuasively destroys the other two. That is the true mark of a great advertising writer. You never know what they believe. You just believe what they say.

Analysing the Hitler myth

By Gail Russell

The Hitler Myth: Image and Reality in the Third Reich, by Ian Kershaw. Oxford, England: Clarendon Press/Oxford University Press, 297 pp, \$49.95.

THIS book takes on a classic political problem: the emperor with no clothes. And, like the child's parable, it focuses attention not on the emperor, but on the audience.

Hitler projected an image of himself as a sacred hero, omnipotent warrior, the embodiment of national unity and purpose. Nazi propagandists drew on new technologies to dress the image: film, phonograph records, radio, the aeroplane. After all, Hitler was the first to take political campaigns to the air, literally descending from the heavens with a message of hope (and hate) for long waiting audiences on the ground.

Ian Kershaw is not the first to note that Hitler made exaggerated claims for himself. The strength of Kershaw's study is that he moves beyond a description of the construction of the "Hitler myth" to an analysis of its strength and resiliency. He is interested in how Germans responded to this image, in different social and economic classes, different regions, over time. The picture that emerges of the audience is far more differentiated than that image of fawning masses hawked in Nazi propaganda films.

The sources of Hitler's immense popularity, Kershaw argues, have to be sought in "those who adored him," rather than in the leader himself: their readiness to trust political "salvation" to a "strong man," their failure to develop (or willingness to suspend) "educated cynicism and critical awareness," their "retreat into the private

sphere" in the face of mounting evidence of Nazi horrors.

The research for genuine public response to the Hitler myth takes Kershaw into vast quantities of data. His material comes from two sources: "morale" and "situation" reports from official state and party agencies, and reports on shifts in public opinion documented by the socialist oppositionists. Both sources have built-in biases, but in opposite directions.

Kershaw also draws heavily on content analysis of sources as various as Hitler's public speeches, newspaper reports, letters from the front, and death announcements of the period. (The latter often contained expressions of gratitude to the Fuhrer). He makes available to an English-speaking audience much recent German scholarship on the Nazi period.

Perhaps the first achievement of Kershaw's book is that he doesn't get lost in his data. He frames analysis around key periods and raises questions worth answering. In the process, he challenges popular views of German fascism, contending that:

— Most Germans did not warm to the notion of a new war, even to find a "place in the sun." They were concerned with getting out of a world depression and were "overwhelmingly frightened by the prospects of another war."

— Most Germans were not confirmed anti-Semites, and the drawing power of Hitler's vision of racial "purity" as the determining element in winning support for the Nazi Party has been exaggerated.

— Support for the leader did not come in one great wave. A close reading of weekly intelligence reports suggests very unstable public moods, even (and especially) during

what has been termed Hitler's "springtime."

Kershaw's most consistent finding is that the public admired Hitler far more than it supported his policies or his party. Kershaw sees this acceptance of "the Hitler myth" as performing an "integrating function" for the Nazi leadership: diffusing discontent and consolidating support for the regime.

Germans, he argues, passed off the most monstrous Nazi violations in the belief that the abuses were the fault of wicked subordinates: The Fuhrer didn't know, and once he did, the abuses would be corrected. Thus the mass murder of the leadership of the Nazi storm troopers, which took place on the "Night of the Long Knives," came to be understood (in what Kershaw describes as a total inversion of reality) as overcoming corruption within the party and "paving the way for a moral renewal." The assault on the churches, early military reverses, and even the Holocaust (to the extent it was known) were by slight-of-myth dissociated from the Fuhrer and therefore from his regime.

Early economic and foreign policy victories, Kershaw argues, reinforced the image of Hitler as statesman and man of peace, able to achieve German foreign policy objectives without loss of life. This image, along with the formidable apparatus of repression and terror Hitler built up about him at the same time, allowed him to retain power even though most Germans disagreed with the specific ideas and policies he advocated.

To support this understanding of German politics, Kershaw needs to convince readers that the responses he is measuring are genuine. A tall order, and one he mentions frequently



Adolf Hitler: public admired Hitler more than it supported his policies, says the author

but rarely takes on systematically in his analysis.

The challenge is to balance the claims of myth and terror in explaining Hitler's hold on power. For while Hitler's propaganda mechanism was manufacturing myth, a parallel coercive mechanism was manufacturing fear. The positive responses to Hitler that Kershaw finds in his data may be genuine expressions of attachment to the leader as "symbol of national revival." They may also represent fear of storm troopers or the Gestapo. If the latter, then Kershaw's claim that the Hitler myth "unquestionably" functioned as "compensatory mechanism" and sustained the regime needs to be scaled down, perhaps con-

siderably.

There is, nonetheless, much to be learned from a book that grapples with the Nazi period in terms of weeks and months, instead of fitting an explanation to "rise and fall." This book illuminates the character of political choice: the choice of leaders to build politics around images, subsequently falling victim to their own myths; the choice of citizens to substitute judgements. It hints at "paths not taken," fragile moments before the Nazi terror apparatus was firmly in place, when other political outcomes may have been possible, when a word fity spoken might have made a difference.

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Principals without principles

By David Hughes

READERS of Jilly Cooper's *Riders*, the equine answer to *War and Peace*, will recall the rotten Rupert, sex-mad Adonis, gold-medal star of the Olympic show jump.

Well, the young ego-maniac's back in a glittering put-down of behind-the-scenes television.

Rupert leaps into another hysterical hornet's nest: an independent company struggling to keep its franchise, while serving small-screen sex and violence to the glamorous Cotswolds.

He's now an MP and Tory Minister of Sport and only too ready to add local TV to his empire.

In a riot of foul language and even worse behaviour — for-

ward, Mary Whitehouse — the action whizzes between the company's sybaritic boss, beastly Lord Bullingham; an Irish superstar of grim hot-tempered integrity, a snarling female director hired in New York, hard-drinking lovers, lubricious wives and all the backroom wits and twits hopping in and out of one another's hangovers and beds.

All these principals have no principles. All of them make more passes (and puns) than programmes.

As a number of glossy decadents secretly set up a rival bid for the franchise, everyone starts shopping everyone else. Rupert's own bed — forward Sir William Rees-Mogg — is hot with deep-dyed lust and insatiable intrigue.

Can some glimmer of

innocence save this vicious Gloucestershire from the end it deserves?

Except to closet moralists and other immovable objects, Jilly Cooper, as chronicler of county manners and country matters, is an irresistible force.

She revels with the utmost vulgarity in a melodramatic paradise where houses are "ravishing," whiskies "huge," waists "incredibly slender," but human affairs odious.

Squeezing all the juices out of social snobbery, commercial greed and personal nastiness, Mrs Cooper is a comical celebrant of the force of ego and thrust of sex in modern life.

Or in modern television, rather.

Rivals, by Jilly Cooper (Bantam, £11.95)

TRAVEL

Caught between past and future

By Lai Kwok Kin

THIMPHU, Bhutan, (Reuters): The 'Thunder Dragon', after hiding in the clouds for centuries, is hesitating before taking the next step into the modern world.

The Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan, perhaps the last Shangri-la, opened its doors only in the 1960s when the first roads linking it to the outside world were built.

Nearly three decades later the 'Land of the Thunder Dragon', as the stunningly beautiful country of 1.3 million people calls itself, is anxiously taking measures to remain unspoiled.

Bhutan is a land of pine-covered mountains reaching to the clouds, streams cascading from the snowy Himalayan peaks and meandering through valleys lined with weeping willows.

Maroon-robed Buddhist monks clash small cymbals and chant mantras under prayer flags fluttering in the crisp air — a timeless scene.

Identity

But Bhutan is acutely aware that change is inevitable. In recent months it has re-emphasised the urgency of preserving its identity while embarking on the road to economic progress.

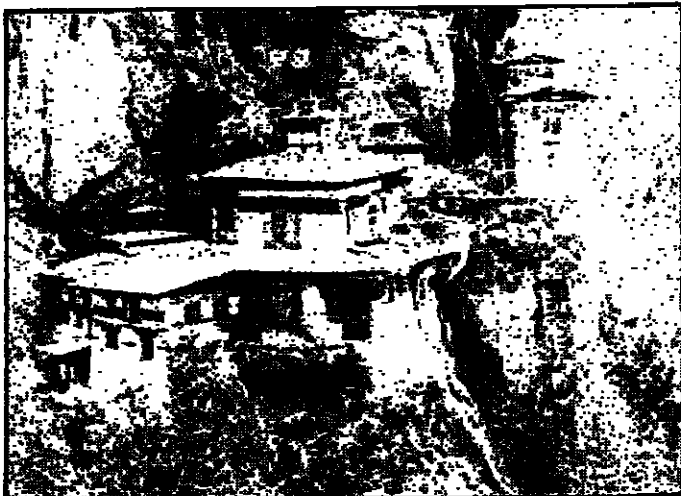
In public halls and the courtyards of ancient government buildings, young men and women are re-learning the ways of their rich heritage under the watchful eyes of elderly officials and priests.

Practising how to bow and present scarves to senior officials, the entire nation has in the last two years been re-discovering 'driglam namzha', or traditional etiquette, which Bhutanese officials say was neglected during the late 1960s and 1970s.

Young men sent abroad to study often returned wearing denim jeans instead of the 'kho', the traditional knee-length garment that resembles the Scottish kilt.

So the government has made it compulsory for all civil servants to wear the 'kho' or the

Bhutan, the Land of the Thunder Dragon, a tiny, mountainous country of 1.3 million people, surrounded by India and China, is trying to cling to ancient traditions to avoid the changes of the modern world.



An ancient monastery clings to the side of the Himalayan mountains near the Bhutanese city of Paro.

'kira', the ankle-length dress worn by Bhutanese women. They must also undergo examinations emphasising cultural traditions.

Neighbours

"As a small country surrounded by giant neighbours, Bhutan's culture can be easily swallowed up if we are not careful," said one young, Western-trained official.

The country of 46,000 square km (18,000 square miles), until recently virtually self-sufficient, is situated between India and China.

Bhutan has close economic and political ties with India, which sees it as an important buffer against China with which it fought a brief border war in 1962.

Bhutan signed a treaty with India in 1949 allowing New Delhi to advise it on foreign affairs. India is Bhutan's major trading partner and provides the bulk of its aid, helping it cope with an external debt of more than 100 million dollars. But 32-year-old King Jigme Singye Wangchuk, while recog-

nising the dependence on India, is also careful not to let his country lose its identity.

The king, one of the world's youngest monarchs, recently ordered up to 50,000 foreign workers to leave Bhutan, fearing their presence could lead to the ethnic tensions common in neighbouring Indian states, reliable sources said.

The king, who ascended the throne in 1972 at the age of 17, is simultaneously ancient and modern in his outlook.

Those who have worked with him say he is deeply religious and hard working, carefully analysing events in every part of the country and often stunning ministers with his memory and grasp of detail.

Although he enjoys an occasional game of basketball in full view of the public in the capital, Thimphu, his personal life is largely a mystery to subjects who revere him.

There are no opposition parties in Bhutan and the king, fourth in a dynasty established in 1907, is more or less unchallenged, say Bhutanese

and foreigners working there.

Reliable sources in Thimphu say the king has quietly married four women, all sisters, in the last decade.

The 'Ashis' (queen princesses), are in their late 20s and early 30s and have borne about eight children. The exact amount of children, and details of the women, are a closely guarded palace secret.

Last July, the king launched a six-year economic plan emphasising industrial development while boosting agriculture, which accounts for 41 per cent of the economy.

Tourism

At the same time, he has made it compulsory for all new buildings to conform with traditional Bhutanese architecture and imposed limits on tourism, which brings in \$2m a year in foreign exchange.

Only 2,500 tourists visited Bhutan last year, each paying \$130 to \$200 a day in advance. This year, the number will be limited to 2,000, partly because the government has barred foreigners from visiting several sacred mountains and monasteries over 400 years old.

Officials say they have seen the 'unhealthy side-effects' of tourism in neighbouring Nepal, which saw an influx of hippies in the 1960s and 1970s, spreading drug addiction.

Marijuana plants grow wild in the valleys of Bhutan, but are treated merely as weeds. The Buddhist belief that the body should be kept pure prevents their being smoked.

For those foreigners who manage to obtain the coveted visa, the experience of being in a country without television and with a people friendly and untouched is overwhelming.

Yaks graze on mountain slopes watched by herdsmen who stop occasionally to brew a cup of butter tea, while in villages families gather to watch young archers practise the national sport with bamboo bows and arrows.

Nearby, the ubiquitous white prayer flags printed with mantras fly boldly, carrying the hopes and dreams of an ancient kingdom intent on remaining forever a paradise.

By Ellen Steese

LOIRE VALLEY, France: Thanks to the French fondness for vistas, you approach the chateau of Chenonceau through a great double row of mottled, arching trees, up a long, sandy road that a cavalcade could ride up, six abreast.

It seems totally of the land, with its sturdy, cream-coloured walls, amusing conical turrets, and dignified slate-blue roof — all flanked by flat, symmetrical gardens. There is no Gothic yearning here; everything is expressive of excellent taste, solid comfort, and money in the bank.

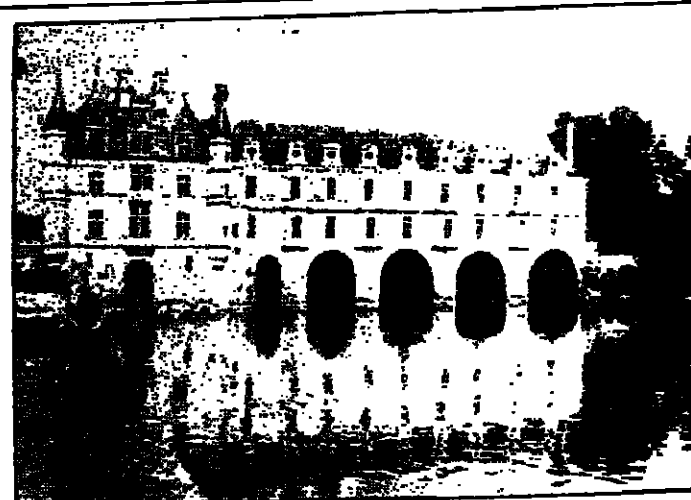
But come closer and you find out that this assured and enchanting palace is built completely on piles set into the glassy water of the Cher River. It's actually a narrow bridge that has a chateau sitting neatly on top of it.

Feminine

Chateaux are often barnlike, but here you can move right in. People usually describe this one as feminine — perhaps because of its having been designed by a succession of women, but also because it's small and livable. The estate is best viewed between pink rose trees severely trimmed into balls, connected by brave rows of matching flame-pink petunias.

Early autumn is the time to come. In the 16th and 17th centuries, the chateaux of the Loire were places for the king and anybody else who could afford it to go for the fall hunting season. The roses are still in bloom, and everything here gleams in fine arm powder light, like a photo taken through a golden filter.

Of course, Chenonceau is lovely inside; all of the tiny paneled windows look out over the river, and there are large, beautifully proportioned rooms full of noble textures: embroidered bed hangings, tapestries of men in lockets and knickers, wooden shuttered windows, walls of silk, walls of handpainted canvas pretending to be leather, and



A French chateau in the Loire Valley spans the Cher river.

Feminist chateau

and something of a George Washington look about the expression. After Henri died, mean Queen Catherine de Medicis kicked Diane out and had a two-storey gallery added to the bridge so that Chenonceau completely spanned the Cher. Later, this gallery was completely hung with black and painted in feathers and tears by order of Queen Louise. The gallery ceiling still has her design — it's unattractive, but historical.

Furniture

One of the most unusual aspects of Chenonceau is that it has its original furniture, tapestries, and paintings, though some pieces have been removed to permit hordes of tourists to tramp through.

Many pre-revolutionary chateaux were cleaned out during "the Terror" of the French Revolution, with most of the contents destroyed or snapped up by English buyers. It's not unusual here in the Loire Valley to visit a gigantic palace full of echoing stony rooms containing only a few pieces of furniture labelled "of the period."

The reason Chenonceau has its furniture is due to the cleverness and charm of Mme. Dupin, the chateleine of chen-

onceau during the revolution. She was remarkable. There is portrait of her by Jean-Marc Nattier in the red-patterned satin drawing room, and we can see that she was a beauty: large, dreamy eyes, a mild and elegant 18th-century face, and powdered gray hair that somehow doesn't look ridiculous.

She was a wealthy bourgeoisie lady who knew all the dazzling people of her era and was often described as "tres gentille" (very nice). This latter quality, combined with her quick wit, made the villagers reluctant to damage her home. She also had urged the local revolutionary committee to spare Chenonceau, since it was an important bridge.

Thus, all fleurs-de-lis and royal references were tactfully removed and Mme. Dupin lived peacefully at Chenonceau for many years.

That was not the only time that Chenonceau's odd status as a bridge came in handy. During World War II the middle of the River Cher was the border between occupied and unoccupied France. The castle entrance was in the occupied zone — very convenient for people who wanted to slip across.

The curator insisted on showing me the waxwork display in a side building; and he's right, it is nice. I saw Diane with her husband and her bridge in the background; Mme. Dupin conversing with Voltaire and Rousseau; and Catherine giving a fete for a happy-looking Mary Stuart.

The curator also showed me a rare book: "Le portefeuille de Madame Dupin," an ancient volume that smelled of old roses. When I read it, I felt as if a friend was hailing me from across the centuries. Unfortunately, it's out of print. So instead I must content myself with reading and re-reading Marguerite Yourcenar's beautiful essay on Chenonceau, "Ah, mon beau chateau." If you go, there is a one day bus tour from Paris to the chateaux of the Loire that would include Chenonceau, along with three or four other locations.

Theme for a fun holiday

for Star Tours: a wonderful computer-hydraulic controlled spaceship cockpit simulation put together by Steven Spielberg. As the spaceship runs off courses with Star Wars voices panicking quadrupedically all round, the ship bucks and heaves and corners in tune with the ridiculously convincing view through the cockpit window. You'll believe that man can conquer the speed of light, but only if you're willing to queue for an age first.

This is Mickey Mouse's 60th anniversary, so his people will be celebrating throughout the summer with extra marching bands, fireworks and stage shows to augment the countless number that already run through the day and night.

Don't miss Disneyland, but do make sure you get a good night's sleep beforehand, and do not plan anything but sleeping on the beach afterwards.

Sea World

At Sea World the marine animals are not so much exhibits as co-conspirators in a vast anthropomorphic entertainment.

No theme park is more serious in purpose than Sea World, where 30 of its 44 attractions are described as educational exhibits. But this is

west coast America, where educators know how to sweeten pills. The various entertainments have been designed for a generation brought up in a world where animals on a million Saturday morning TV cartoon shows are savvy in a wholly human way.

Thus the seal and otter show — a truly remarkable spectacle — becomes a murder mystery set in a haunted house. As seals run across the stage, even the most severe marine biologist might suspend his knowledge that the seal's brain is apple-sized and that the performance is based more on the principles of Pavlov than of Disney.

If you can make the same leap of imagination, you will enjoy yourself here as nowhere else. The big show is in the killer whale pool with its gin-thick panes of glass. Here Shamu and his mates leap around, splash willing volunteers in spectacular belly flops, heave themselves, onto the poolside for photo opportunities and generally give the impression of having a good time. The trainers are shown in the best American tradition; only in California could you find a troupe of marine biologists willing to run a song-and-dance routine with their charges.

The second best show involves a human high-dive

team in the best knockabout routine I've ever seen; the worst has women diving for cultured pearls in a recreated Japanese village, where the booming commentary touts a scheme involving the sale of "personal, pearl-bearing oysters", passed to a gemologist for instant valuation.

The exhibits are something else again. If it lives in or near water, Sea World has it on show. One aquarium deals only with sharks, another with marine creatures. Each is a dozen times better any zoo aquarium I have seen elsewhere. Sea World will go to any expense to make the fish as viewable as possible, and provides plenty of information on each species. There's even a pool where you can feed and stroke dolphins yourself, while a keeper answers questions over a loudspeaker system.

The current pride of the non-fishy section is a massive freezer full of penguins, where thousands of Antarctic and Arctic birds live on the ice and water behind six inches of plexiglass and peer bemusedly at the day-trippers. I wouldn't want to live there, but then I need more than a couple of sprats and an iced dip a day to keep me happy.

Sea World also has its children's section, albeit nothing to do with the sea. City Streets has expert BMX cyclists, magicians and skateboard teams performing fracture-defying routines in a recreation of the sort of streetscape tourists are warned about.

By Jean K. Axelrod

LUGANO, Switzerland: Seeing Lugano for the first time hits you like a Matisse painting. The colours are so intense they take your breath away. Being familiar with the delicately shaded wildflowers that grace Alpine slopes, I wasn't prepared for the riot of roses, carnations, or the big-as-a-basketball magnolia grandiflora, all set against a backdrop of velvet-green mountains and the bright blue Lake Lugano.

As our guide pointed out on a recent trip, "Lugano has all the gaiety, creativity, and romance of Italy, encased in a Swiss precision watch." Not a bad description, but it doesn't do justice to this startling beauty, nor to the people's exceptional hospitality.

Walk along the lakefront promenade of this steeply terraced, crescent-shaped city among stately palm trees. More than a dozen pieces of pleasing modern sculpture, topped by climbing children, dot the grassy park area. Surprisingly, there's also a Roman temple looking out of place on the promenade, with a bust of "Giorgio" Washington inside.

Italian

Italian it most certainly is, in language, cuisine, and decidedly in temperament. Amazing how temperature and temperament are interrelated; Lugano, like Italy, is on the sunny, lee side of the Alps, where people and climate are both tourist-friendly.

Although Lugano appears laid back, especially at lunchtime and after work, when the whole town takes to sidewalk cafe sitting, it is actually a bustling cultural and financial centre. Lugano is Switzerland's third-largest banking centre; it's just that banks here have little wrought-iron balconies with pots of flowers on them.

Art lovers will feel they've really found paradise when they visit the Villa Favaria, about 15 minutes by bus from

downtown Lugano. This magnificent estate, owned by Swiss tycoon Hans Thyssen-Bornemisza, is said to contain the second most valuable private art collection in the world (after Queen Elizabeth's). The baron's father built a museum on the grounds of his 17th-century villa to house his premier works of Old Masters. The present baron has expanded the collections to include modern painting, furniture, jewellery, and ceramics.

Lugano, a Roman Catholic stronghold, has many magnificent churches (and a wonderful old synagogue, too). If you only see one, make it the Church of Santa Maria degli Angeli, with its remarkably preserved frescoes of Bernardino Luini, a pupil of Leonardo da Vinci. One of the most renowned frescoes in Europe is his vibrant "Crucifixion," which covers an entire wall.

This church is just steps away from the promenade and at the edge of the pedestrian area of the "old town." A good thing no cars are allowed in this charming network of piazzas and arcades — it's meant for strolling and savouring. Lugano's shopping area is full of dazzling jewellery stores, designer boutiques, and pastry and chocolate shops that defy you to walk on by.

Entering the first of a series of piazzas, you'll find two-foot-

long salamis winging overhead and tables upon tables of just-picked produce. The piazzas, along with the lake promenade, are the soul of the city.

We were fortunate enough to arrive during a traditional jazz marathon and, to our utter frustration, found that six different groups were performing simultaneously in various piazzas — all for free!

Experienced

Lugano has to be experienced on many levels, literally. There are two spectacular mountain peaks from which to view the city and its lovely lake. Ascend Mt. San Salvatore by funicular to see the charming villages that dot the shores of Lake Lugano. You'll also get a glimpse of Lake Maggiore. At the other end of the crescent is Monte Bre, a favourite starting point for walks along mountain trails.

One can also view Lugano from the water. Small rental boats are available, but ferries are a wonderful way to check in at many of the not-to-be-missed sites along the water. Among them is Campione, a picturesque town belonging to Italy, but virtually surrounded by Switzerland. This paradoxical arrangement has to do with the fact that Campione (a gambling is very limited in Switzerland). We realised what a jet-set place we had found when we saw that

Frank Sinatra was to be the next Casino Entertainment.

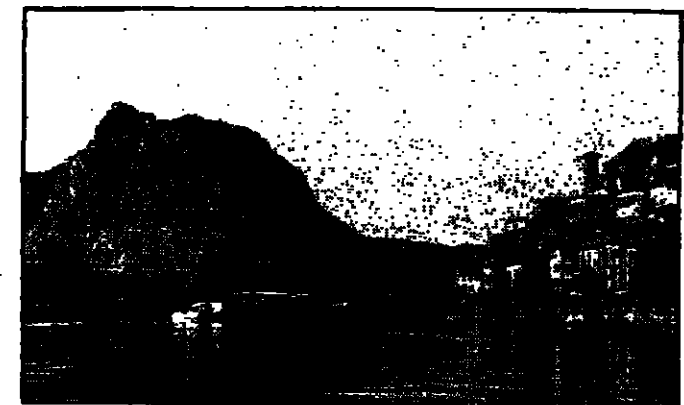
The fishing village of Gandria is truly a cliffhanger. Fortunately, the ferry will take you there, because cars cannot navigate those tiny, vertical streets. Morcote is another delightful destination, noted for its arcades, under which the whole town seems to be selling the well-loved native pottery. Morcote is also famous for the Madonna dell'Addolorata Church, with its magnificent 16th-century frescoes.

In the village of Melide, less than half an hour from Lugano by bus or train, and just a bit longer by ferry, you can stroll through all of Switzerland — laid out in minute detail at Swissminiatur, a wonderful amusement park. You'll see toy cows grazing in mountain meadows, stoned castles, and such other famous Swiss sights as the stately capital buildings of Bern, all on a scale of 1:25. Much of this unique world is automated, including tiny cable cars and cogwheel trains traversing Alpine peaks. When the lights come on at dusk it's truly magical.

A bit farther away, but easily visited in a day, are the sophisticated resorts of Locarno and Ascona on Lake Maggiore. We learned that visitors are so intent on seeing and being seen in the sidewalk cafes of Ascona that management will provide fur lap robes to match your mink if winter days are nippy. Then back to your spanking clean (after all, they are Swiss) hotel or pensione; choice and price vary widely, and the Lugano Tourist Office is guaranteed to steer you right — and in English.

Dining is a very serious matter in Lugano, whether in the elegant restaurants along the lake or in "grottoes," where you'll find the city's adult population, often dining on Lasagna Verdi and other northern Italian specialties.

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Gandria, Switzerland, is one of the many old fishing villages on the shores of Lake Lugano.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: I can remember that, in my younger days, many doctors would prescribe a purge to help cure many conditions that still have no cure today. Why don't modern-day doctors learn from their forebears and help people by cleaning them out?

ANSWER: You are advocating some pretty strong medicine that may have no beneficial effects for the sufferer. We have learned a great deal since those days when physicians, just like patients, believed that the inside of the "bowel" (meant to include the entire digestive system) was filled with dirty and poisonous material. Daily movements were required to keep the system "clean" and constipation was a serious situation. Castor oil and Epsom salts were administered in huge doses to obtain the desired effects. The intestine was stimulated, causing forceful contractions to push out all of the contents, and frequently provoked more harm than good. We now have a more

restrained view of bowel functions, and while daily regularity is a comforting thing, it is no longer considered a must. It is far more important that our systems function in a normal and timely way, rather than in the unnatural fashion provoked by excessive stimulants.

QUESTION: Some years ago I had an operation in my belly. Recently I required another operation in about the same place. I thought I would have two scars after it was over, but was pleased to find only one. Did my surgeon just open my previous scar to save me more disfigurement?

ANSWER: Probably not. A surgical incision is not like a zipper fastener. Once healed it cannot be reopened again, because the healing process has reformed all the tissues, just as before, except for the scar. Your thoughtful surgeon planned his operation well, and in all likelihood, removed the old scar as part of your most recent surgery.

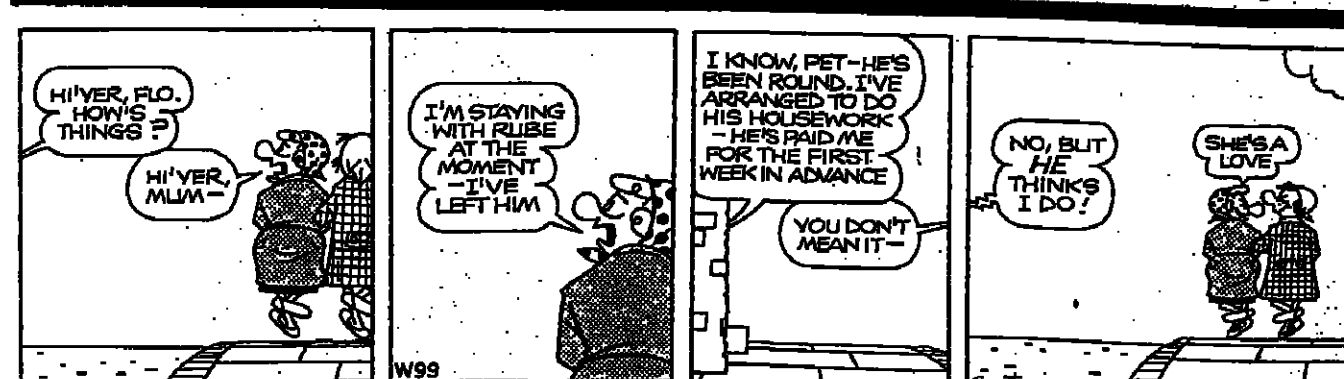
All surgeons are quite aware of the patient's concern about unnecessary, ugly surgical scars, particularly if they may be seen when wearing beach apparel. Of course, the needs of the operation come first, and there are times when it is necessary to create another opening in an abdomen, but apparently luck was with you and your ailment could be dealt with while the concern for a good cosmetic result was equally addressed.

I THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW: To the more than 3 million Americans affected by the disease, it is certainly no joking matter. Psoriasis can range in severity from a cosmetic annoyance to a disabling disorder, and the exact cause still eludes researchers. Psoriasis is a non-contagious, chronic skin disorder that is seen as scaly plaques on the skin, which lead to the rejection and denial that many sufferers experience as a regular event in their lives.

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IT'S IMPORTANT TO LET OUR SYSTEMS FUNCTION NORMALLY

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By Smith

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Kuwait to sell oil products to Sudan on easy terms

KUWAIT agreed on Thursday to sell Sudan 50,000 tonnes of petrol and other refined oil products a month on easy payment terms over the next four years, the Kuwait News Agency KUNA reported.

The agreement, signed by Sudanese Energy Minister Bakri Ahmed Adel and Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Sabah, is effective July 1.

"Kuwait appreciates the difficult circumstances which Sudan is passing through and hopes it will overcome its economic problems," KUNA quoted Adel as saying.

Debt-ridden Sudan has commercial quantities of oil but has been unable to exploit them because of rebel activity near the southern oilfields. It must now use scarce hard currency to import oil products.

Economy registers moderate growth

Pakistan likely to raise taxes and defence spending

ISLAMABAD, June 24, (Reuters): Pakistan's new budget, to be announced on Sunday, is likely to raise indirect taxes while hiking defence spending, Western diplomats said.

President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq will be careful not to raise direct taxes too sharply ahead of general elections he has promised to hold by August 26, the diplomats said.

Postponed

The budget was to have been presented on June 8 but was postponed after General Zia dismissed Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo and the national and provincial assemblies on May 29, charging inefficiency and corruption.

The spending plans for the year beginning July 1 will be presented by Dr Mahbubul Haq, who was dismissed as planning minister in Junejo's administration before being reappointed as finance and planning minister on June 9.

June 9.

"The major problem will be to curb the growing budget deficit, which is worrying the government," a diplomat said.

The government had promised to cut the overall deficit, the difference between revenue and expenditure, to seven per cent of Gross Domestic Product from 8.9 per cent in 1986-87.

Deficit

But the diplomat said this year's deficit had shot past estimates to between eight and nine per cent due to rising debt repayments and defence spending and the failure to raise tax revenue adequately.

The Pakistani economy registered moderate growth this year, but the government's budgetary deficit is worsening, forcing the government to borrow in the domestic market and abroad, said an annual economic survey made public yesterday.

The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth figure of 5.8 per cent for fiscal 1988 is a shade better than 5.7 per cent in 1987, according to the supply.

Attributed

Half of the growth is attributed to gains in agriculture and industry, while services provided three per cent and other economic activity like construction, electricity generation and oil and gas production, contributed the remaining 17 per cent.

Moinuddin Baqai, principal economic adviser to the government, told a news conference "the economy would have done better but for Asia-wide drought which also hit Pakistan in 1987."

Other factors adversely affecting the economy, he said, were the protectionist policy in Western nations which discourage exports, worsening terms of trade for Pakistani products, and an increase in import prices of

crude oil.

Ethnic violence in the southern city of Karachi, the country's biggest industrial centre, which disrupted the normal economic life nationally in 1987 and 1988 was yet another cause for the restrained growth.

Largest

Baqai said defence, with \$2.63 billion in fiscal 1988, was the single largest item of expenditure. But its share in overall spending has come down from 40 to 35 per cent in the last five years.

Pakistan witnessed a seven per cent inflation in 1988, according to the survey. But independent economists put it close to 17 per cent because the government's system of computing leaves out a large number of expensive items like urban housing, medical care, and transportation.

Pakistan's current foreign debt is \$12.44 billion, up from 12.02 billion in June 1987. The budgetary deficit which

was 53.6 billion rupees in 1987 is expected to have risen to 60 billion in 1988.

Pakistan receives financial aid from industrialised countries. Its main exports are cotton, cotton textiles and rice and main imports are oil and manufactured goods.

Diplomats said Zia's government would try to broaden the tax base and improve the tax collection network, seen by economists as ineffective and prone to corruption.

It could also try to standardise tax collection to prevent corrupt officials from taking a cut, the diplomats said.

"Sustained gradual effort towards a comprehensive reform of the taxation system would be necessary to bring down both the revenue deficit and the overall budgetary deficit," said the government's national economic survey released this week.

World Business Summary

Turkish firm wins building contracts in Soviet Union

MOSCOW, June 24, (Reuters): The Turkish firm Enka Construction Inc has landed two multi-million dollar building contracts in Moscow, a Turkish embassy spokesman said today. Enka has signed contracts to build a 1,000-bed hotel and a shopping centre in Moscow with Soyuzvneshtroyimport, the Soviet organisation dealing with foreign construction deals, he said. The spokesman said he could not give the exact value of the two contracts, which other sources put at \$110 million. But he added that they could help pay for Turkey's imports of Soviet natural gas. Turkey signed an economic agreement in 1985 to receive Soviet natural gas, undertaking to pay 70 per cent of the cost with services and export goods. The spokesman said work on the projects was expected to start within the next few months as the Russians wanted the work completed by 1990.

EEC finance ministers agree on capital liberalisation

LUXEMBOURG, June 24, (AP): Finance Ministers of the European Economic Community yesterday agreed to liberalise capital movement throughout the 12-nation trade bloc. The new legislation will have to be enforced by eight of the 12 member states by July 1, 1990. Spain and Ireland have been given until 1992 to implement the law. Greece and Portugal have not been set a specific time-frame. The agreement is a crucial step towards achieving a borderless internal market within the EEC by the end of 1992. The legislation will in particular allow citizens of one EEC nation to open a bank account in another EEC state. It will also increase competition among banks as it allows them to offer services throughout the Community. "It should make it possible for them (financial institutions) to catch up with Tokyo and New York," said Jacques Delors, president of the EEC's executive body.

London hotel prices rise at more than twice rate of inflation

LONDON, June 24, (UPI): Hotel prices in London have risen at more than twice the rate of inflation in the past year, a survey yesterday said. Average rises were around 10 per cent, but a single room in a three-star hotel at Heathrow went up by 12.52 per cent and a two-star twin in town by more than 15 per cent, said hotel booking agency Expotel. Some single rooms in London cost more than £200 million (\$364) a night and the most expensive in the survey, the Hyatt Carlton Hotel, charges £216.50 (\$394.03) for a single room with breakfast—an increase of 21.5 per cent over last year, it said. American tourists account for 30 per cent of total hotel business. Luxury hotels such as the Savoy had looked the most vulnerable to the strong pound, but, surprisingly, American millionaires are more sensitive to exchange considerations than the US tourist, one broker said. "The main booking season is over, so a slight fall in sterling isn't going to result in thousands of Americans booking holidays to Europe," said Bruce Jones at the brokers of Kitcat and Aitken. "But it will mean that there will be fewer cancellations," he said. Colin Ellwood, chairman of the British Holiday and Home Parks Association said that hotels in Britain are just too pricey. "Hotels have priced themselves out of the British holiday market and created a boom in business for UK caravan parks," he said. "Six out of every 10 holiday bed-nights were now spent in a caravan of similar accommodation," he said.

Saudi Arabia expected to launch second government bonds issue

BAHRAIN, June 24, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia is set to press ahead with a revolutionary borrowing scheme to finance a growing budget deficit and is expected to launch a second issue of government bonds tomorrow.

Gulf-based bankers say Riyadh's budget planners, spurred on by a weak world oil market and prospects of sluggish investment income, may now be aiming to raise up to three billion riyals (\$800 million) a month from Saudi Arabia's banks.

Expect

"We expect the next offering tomorrow," said one banker. "We won't know until we see the tele, but it is very likely."

After five months of secrecy, Saudi Arabia launched a pioneering 1.5 billion riyal (\$400 million) issue of bonds on June 11, its first major commercial borrowing for 25 years.

The Saudi Arabian Monetary

Agency (SAMA), the de facto central bank, has given no word of how often it will offer bonds, but bankers say they believe the mathematics of Riyadh's widening budget deficit will dictate an issue every other week.

The 1988 budget shortfall is officially forecast at 35.9 billion riyals (\$9.6 billion).

Strong

But bankers said oil revenues appear to be running below a targeted 68.9 billion riyals (\$18.4 billion) and the government is determined to limit strain on foreign reserves.

In his budget address at the turn of the year, Saudi monarch King Fahd set a 1988 borrowing ceiling of 30 billion riyals (\$8 billion) but it is thought a slice of that will be raised by placing bonds privately with government agencies.

Some bankers estimate

SAMA will try to raise a total of about 20 billion riyals (\$5.3 billion) through offerings to commercial banks this year, although it is far from clear if their appetite for the "development bonds" is that strong.

Although Saudi banks are cash rich—a slack economy and a history of problem loans has kept new lending at low levels—the first offering was almost certainly undersubscribed.

Bankers estimate 900 million to one billion riyals (\$240 to 265 million) of the first bond offering was taken up and some expect a similar response to a second 1.5 billion riyal issue.

The limited subscription was dictated less by the yield and more by banks' reluctance to tie themselves into a medium-term financial instrument with no clear word on whether it can be ontraded in "secondary market" once bought.

US economy grows by 3.6 per cent

WASHINGTON, June 24, (AP): The US economy expanded at a robust 3.6 per cent pace in the first three months of this year, slightly less than previously thought, the government said yesterday. The expansion was fuelled by an export-driven manufacturing boom.

The Commerce Department said the gross national product, the broadest measure of the country's economic health, grew to a seasonally adjusted annual level of \$3.915 trillion in the January-March period, a \$34.6 billion increase from three months earlier.

Prompted

Strong first quarter growth has prompted President Reagan's administration to boost its 1988 projection for GNP growth to 3.5 per cent. At the start of the year, the administration had predicted the economy would grow 2.9 per cent in 1988, the same rate of growth as in 1987 and 1986.

At the time, many private economists were more pessimis-

tic, but they have since scrambled to increase their predictions.

"Our rosy forecast wasn't rosy enough," said Beryl Sprinkel, chairman of the presidential Council of Economic Advisers. "The economy is doing better than even we expected."

Retreat

The latest first quarter numbers were a modest downward revision of a previous estimate of GNP growth in the first quarter. A month ago, the government put GNP growth at 3.9 per cent. However, in April, the initial estimate was a much lower 2.3 per cent.

Many analysts were expecting the slight retreat.

Yesterday's revisions show that non-military spending by the federal government was \$3.8 billion less than previously thought. Most of that was accounted for by a dip in purchases of surplus farm commodities.

Consumer spending, although up a moderately strong 3.8 per

cent, was weaker than the previously estimated 4.3 per cent growth. Much of that was due to somewhat less automobile buying than first thought.

Immediately after the October stock market crash, many economists feared the shock to consumer confidence would topple the country into a recession.

Consumer spending did post a rare 2.5 per cent decline in the fourth quarter, but it has come back in the first three months of this year.

Spurred

The engines driving the six-year-old economic expansion now, even more than consumer spending, are rising export sales spurred by the cheaper dollar and the consequent surge in modernisation and expansion spending by businesses.

Exports of goods and services were up a strong 22.8 per cent in the first quarter. Business investment in capital equipment shot up 33.1 per cent, the fastest rise since the first year of the recovery from the 1981-82 recession.

Australia caught in trans-Atlantic trade war: Hawke

WASHINGTON, June 24, (AP): Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke says his country's farmers are victims of a trans-Atlantic trade war, and US President Ronald Reagan pledged to watch out for Australia's interests while combating European agricultural subsidies.

Hawke, addressing a joint meeting of Congress yesterday, said Australia's producers are finding themselves "squeezed out of markets by practices which distort prices and levels of production."

Climbed

As a result, he said, the US share of the world wheat market has climbed from 29 per cent to 43 per cent, while Australia's slumped from 20 per cent to 12 per cent.

"Australia must not be given to believe that while we are first-class allies, we are, in trade, second-class friends," Hawke said.

"We believe our relationship entitles us to a fair go in our trade with the United States and in competition with the United States in third markets," he

added. "Not, I emphasise, special favours, but a fair go." "In agriculture we find ourselves caught in the crossfire of a destructive and counter-productive trans-Atlantic subsidies war," Hawke said.

Reagan, after meeting with Hawke at the White House, said: "We're in full agreement on the need to open up international trade in agricultural products, a keystone of both our economies. We also agree on the need to redouble our efforts toward the elimination of trade distorting government subsidies of agricultural products."

Measures

"Until we achieve that goal," Reagan added, "we will assure that any measures the United States may take to counter unfair subsidisation of agriculture will take fully into account the interests of countries like Australia."

Gaston Sigur, assistant US secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs, said Reagan and Hawke "discussed Australian concerns about US

agricultural trade policies" and "the President reassured the Prime Minister that it is not our purpose to damage the interests of non-subsidised agricultural producers such as Australia."

In answer to a question, Sigur said Reagan "didn't make any very specific commitments as such," but merely reiterated the commitment that he made to Hawke on the issue during their last meeting in 1986.

Concerned

"They are still concerned, but we will that we have handled their concerns very well," he said. "The president assured the prime minister that we were going to continue ... to watch very carefully the Australian export situation and that we would not do anything, as we believe we have not done anything in the past, to harm Australian markets."

The State Department official said Hawke "appreciated the President's remarks on this" but said he "wanted to be sure that we were always watching." The Prime Minister did not allude to Reagan's pledge in his remarks at

a departure ceremony.

Sigur said Reagan reported to Hawke on the seven-nation economic summit in Toronto, from which he returned on Tuesday. Reagan sought with little success at the summit to secure European support for his campaign to end agricultural subsidies by the year 2000.

Reagan also told Hawke that Australia is an important ally in arms-reduction negotiations. Hawke said his talk with the US president confirmed "the strength and enduring nature" of the relationship between the United States and Australia.

Made clear

Reagan called attention to the facilities the two countries share in Australia and said they "are essential to deterrence and to the West's ability to monitor Soviet compliance with arms accords."

In his address to Congress, Hawke made clear that Australia has no intention of following the lead of its neighbour, New Zealand, in barring US warships carrying nuclear weapons from its waters.

Indonesian LNG export earnings up

JAKARTA, June 24, (AP): Indonesia earned \$562.01 million from its liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports during the first two months of this year, a 31 per cent increase over the 430.72 million figure recorded in the same period last year, according to figures released by Bank Indonesia, the central bank.

Japan and South Korea are the principal buyers of Indonesian LNG.

The value of crude exports during the two-month period, however, declined by about five per cent to \$862.09 million compared with the same months last year.

Of the total crude export earnings of \$862.09 million, Pertamina, the state oil company, accounted for \$444.08 million, with foreign oil companies operating under production-sharing arrangements making up the balance.

Meanwhile, Indonesia is determined to base its June-July oil sales to Japan on the official selling price—\$17.56 per barrel—of its prime quality "Minas" crude, Ginandjar Kartasasmita, minister of mines and energy, said on Wednesday.

However, he did not rule out 'difficulties' in finalising the deal at the desired price.

Deal clinched after Greece lifts veto

EEC will limit subsidies to farmers

LUXEMBOURG, June 24, (AP): The 12-nation European Economic Community overcame a Greek veto threat today and voted to limit subsidies to EEC farmers this year to \$31.9 billion, two-thirds of the total community budget.

The long-awaited limit, contained in spending accords, could blunt US criticism that Europe does not do enough to rein in farm subsidies.

Underscore

In consultations with Washington, EEC will likely use today's accord to underscore that Europe is serious about curbing such subsidies after years of run-away spending that has brought the community to near-bankruptcy.

The United States, long a critic of the community's farm subsidies, has suggested an end to all such price supports by the year 2000. Washington says such supports give west European farm exports an advantage over US products.

The EEC agrees that farm subsidies must be reduced to prevent the buildup of huge, unmarketable surplus stocks of food but has rejected the proposal to do away with them altogether.

While the 1988-89 farm price package generally freezes prices at last year's levels, it also cuts prices for the EEC's 10.3 million

farmers by as much as five per cent depending on the product, officials said.

The deal was clinched after Greece lifted its June 17 veto to a compromise deal keeping the farm budget at last year's level of 27.5 billion European currency units.

Simplify

The so-called Ecu is a common currency that exists only on paper and is used to simplify calculations among the community by eliminating value differences of national currencies. It is worth \$1.16.

Today's accord was seen as a victory for West Germany, which currently holds the EEC's rotating presidency.

It has worked hard to keep the community's perennial internal squabbles over farm prices off the agenda of the EEC summit meeting in Hanover next Monday and Tuesday.

West German chancellor Helmut Kohl wants the summit to discuss the idea of creating a Central European Bank, in itself already a highly contentious issue.

Last week, ending a five-day marathon meeting, 11 EEC farm ministers accepted a compromise deal. But Yannis Potakis, the Greek delegate, blocked it at the last minute in a bid to negotiate a better deal for its farmers.

The agreement calls for a gradual dismantling of the EEC's so-called monetary compensatory amounts, or MCAs.

MCAs are a complex system of border taxes on exports of farm produce from countries with weak currencies that attempt to eliminate the advantages such exports would have in countries with stronger currencies.

When MCAs are added to Greek farm exports going into West Germany, for instance, they become approximately as expensive as locally produced goods of the same kind.

Greek MCAs now range from 29.1 to 48 per cent. Last week, the EEC's Executive Commission, proposed to offer Greece a general 14.5 per cent cut, including an immediate 10-point reduction.

Early today, Greece accepted an immediate dismantling of its MCAs by 15 to 20 points.

Confident

While this adds at least 100 million Ecus (\$116 million) to the farm budget, officials were confident they could keep overall spending at last year's levels.

The EEC farm package takes effect July 1.

The final agreement to the package by the 12 Community nations means in effect lower subsidies to farmers for the second straight year.

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| ABBEE LFE | 310.0 | LEGAL+GEN | 301.0 |
| ADT LTD | 131.0 | LOWRNO | 253/0 |
| ADL LYONS | 437.0 | LUCAS IND | 547/0 |
| AMSTRAD | 207/0 | MAGNET | 235/0 |
| ARGYLL GP | 188/0 | MAGNET+SP | 178/0 |
| ASDA GP | 155/0 | MAXWELL C | 224/0 |
| BAA | 71.22 | METAL BOP | 227/0 |
| BTR | 274/0 | MEPC | 552/0 |
| BAT INDS | 427/4 | MIDLAND BK | 440/0 |
| BARCLAYS | 420/0 | NEXT | 262/0 |
| BASS | 807.0 | NTH FOODS | 306.0 |
| BEAZER | 178.0 | P & O DFD | 595/0 |
| BEECHMS | 343/0 | PEARL | 478.0 |
| BELSFORD | 466/0 | PEARSON | 710.0 |
| BICC PLC | 330.0 | PILKINGTON | 205.0 |
| BLUE ARMR | 124.0 | PLESSEY | 163.0 |
| BLUE CIRC | 424/0 | PRUDENTIAL | 158.0 |
| BOC GP | 417/0 | RACAL | 348/0 |
| BOOTS CO | 224/0 | RANK HVIS | 397.0 |
| BPE INDS | 29.0 | RANK ORG | 736/0 |
| BR COMM | 254.0 | RCKITT+CO | 928.0 |
| BR AIRWAY | 49.85 | REDLAND | 422/0 |
| BR AEROSP | 412.0 | REED | 417.0 |
| BR GAS RG | 187/0 | RYL BK | 373/0 |
| B.P. | 257/0 | RNC GRP | 485/0 |
| B.P.-NEW | 64.0 | REUTERS | 537.0 |
| BR TELCOM | 255/0 | RTZ CORP. | 435/0 |
| BURMAN OL | 568/0 | ROLLS ROY | 131.0 |
| BURTON | 233/0 | ROTHMAN B | 107/0 |
| CABLESTR | 375/0 | ROUTINE | 061.0 |
| CADBURYS | 420.0 | ROYAL INS | 23.00 |
| CASCS VTY | 248/0 | SAATCHI | 380.00 |
| CONN UN | 190/0 | SAFESBURY | 226.00 |
| CONS GOLD | 370/0 | SCOT+NEW | 334/00 |
| COOKSONS | 284/0 | SEARS | 117.0 |
| COURTAULD | 335/2 | SEDEGIEW | 239.0 |
| DALGETY | 325.0 | SHELL | 065.0 |
| DEE GP | 18.0 | SMITH IND | 253/0 |
| DIXONS | 183/0 | SMITH+HEW | 126/00 |
| ENG CHINA | 443.0 | STC | 75*000 |
| ENTER OIL | 483.0 | STORENSE | 261/00 |
| FBI BACK | 126.0 | SUN ALLTA | 978/00 |
| FERRANTI | 87/0 | TARMAC | 248.0 |
| GEN ACCID | 893.0 | TATE&LYLE | 814.0 |
| GEN ELEC | 160/0 | TESCO | 155/00 |
| GLAXO | 975.0 | THORN ENI | 653/00 |
| GRANADA | 323/0 | TRAF HSE | 315.0 |
| GLOBE | 139/0 | TSB | 104/00 |
| GLYMMED | 315.0 | T + N | 178/00 |
| GRAND MET | 507.0 | TRUSTHEE | 265.0 |
| GUARD RYL | 967/0 | ULTRAMAR | 300.0 |
| GUN | 327/0 | UNILEVER | 475/0 |
| HARRIS | 335/0 | UNIGATE | 325/0 |
| HUMPHREY | 65.0 | UTD BISC | 305/0 |
| HANSON | 142.5 | UTD INSPR | 421/0 |
| HUNGER SID | 510/0 | VEHME | 533/0 |
| ICI | 283.0 | WATFORD IN | 297/0 |
| ILLIDOWN | 088.0 | WILLIAMS | 297/0 |
| INCH | 208/0 | WILLIS FB | 67.73 |
| INCHCAPE | 205.0 | WINPEY GE | 250/0 |
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| A-B-ELECT | 415/8 | 418/0 |
| A-S-W NEW | 166/0 | 166/0 |
| AH HD | 272/2 | 273/0 |
| ARONSON | 116/6 | 116/0 |
| ACRE OTI | 228/0 | 228/0 |
| ADDISON | 44/0 | 44/0 |
| ADHEST | 367/0 | 368/0 |
| ALEX WK14 | 174/0 | 174/0 |
| ALEXON | 392/0 | 393/0 |
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| ALL TR B | 240/0 | 240/0 |
| ALL PLINT | 57/0 | 57/0 |
| ALLIANCE | 823/0 | 823/0 |
| AMARI | 275.0 | 275.0 |
| AMEC | 384/0 | 383/0 |
| AMER TRF | 127/0 | 127/0 |
| AMERSHAM | 456/6 | 456/0 |
| AMI HLTHC | 268/0 | 268/0 |
| AMGLIA TR | 183/0 | 182/0 |
| ANGLO O'S | 217/0 | 217/0 |
| ANSBACHER | 80/0 | 80/0 |
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| APV PLC | 121/0 | 121/0 |
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| ARLINGTON | 198/0 | 198/0 |
| ARMSTRONG | 135/0 | 136/0 |
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| BR ASSETS | 67/2 | 67/0 |
| BR LAND | 158/0 | 157/0 |
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| COATES BR | 319/0 | 318/0 |
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| HEYMOOD W | 300/0 | 299/0 |
| HICKSON H | 240/0 | 240/0 |
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| HRSR GUNS | 160/0 | 159/0 |
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| JANALAZZO | 286/0 | 286/0 |
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| LBN INTL | 235/0 | 234/0 |
| LBN LTD | 152/0 | 150/0 |
| LEIGH LNT | 253/0 | 251/0 |
| LEV SERV | 396/0 | 396/0 |
| LIFE SPEC | 54/0 | 54/0 |
| LITLLEY FL | 47/0 | 47/0 |
| LIT | 29/0 | 31/0 |
| LW (NW) | 656/0 | 655/0 |
| LW (HMO) | 392/0 | 390/0 |
| LW-BOMER | 247/0 | 248/0 |
| LWT HLD | 156/0 | 157/0 |
| M-G GRP | 363/0 | 362/0 |
| M-H, NPLC | 145/0 | 144/0 |
| MACRO & | 273/0 | 268/0 |
| MAI | 94/0 | 95/0 |
| MARBLE | 200/0 | 200/0 |
| MARSHY | 212/0 | 212/0 |
| MARTIN | 149/0 | 148/0 |
| MARSHALLS | 237/0 | 236/0 |
| MARSTON T | 126/0 | 125/0 |
| MATTHEWS | 83/0 | 82/0 |
| MCATTINE | 403/0 | 400/0 |
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| ROONEY | 353/0 | 353/0 |
| ROTISCHOLD | 185/0 | 184/0 |
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| RUSBY GRP | 143/0 | 143/0 |
| SAGA HOLLS | 207/0 | 205/0 |
| SALVESSEN | 174/0 | 174/0 |
| SAVILLE G | 44/0 | 45/0 |
| SAVOY "AA" | 99/0 | 99/0 |
| SCAPA GP | 255/0 | 256/0 |
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| SCOT T.T. | 127/0 | 127/0 |
| SCOT MET | 139/0 | 139/0 |
| SCOT NORT | 103/0 | 103/0 |
| SCOT TV | 370/0 | 368/0 |
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| SELECT AS | 74/0 | 75/0 |
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| SIMON ENG | 279/0 | 278/0 |
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| SLOUGH ES | 303/0 | 303/0 |
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| SMIT W-B | 60/0 | 60/0 |
| SNURFT J | 481/0 | 480/0 |
| SON-O-GAS | 155/0 | 155/0 |
| SPONG HLD | 195/0 | 195/0 |
| SPRAX | 159/0 | 159/0 |
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| ATLANTIC R | 83/0 | 83/3 |
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| ABBOTT LAB | 45/0 | 45/0 |
| ADCO CLVLD | 11/3 | 11/4 |
| ADY MICRO | 16/1 | 16/1 |
| AEROFIL LAB | 8/4 | 8/4 |
| AETNA LIFE | 45/6 | 45/5 |
| ALUMINUM | 16/3 | 16/3 |
| ALP PR-CHN | 51/4 | 51/7 |
| ALASKA AIR | 18/6 | 18/6 |
| ALBERTSONS | 33/6 | 33/6 |
| ALMA 8-16 | 0 | 84/0 |
| ALCAN ALUM | 33/0 | 33/1 |
| ALCO STAND | 24/6 | 25/0 |
| AM CYANID | 53/4 | 53/0 |
| AM ELET P | 28/6 | 28/4 |
| AM HOM PRO | 75/4 | 75/2 |
| AM HOM PRO | 79/5 | 79/7 |
| AM STANDARD | 0 | 77/3 |
| AM STORES | 53/1 | 53/3 |
| AM TEL-TEL | 27/1 | 27/2 |
| AMOCO CORP | 77/6 | 77/5 |
| AMP INC | 50/5 | 50/4 |
| AMPOC PITT | 0 | 12/7 |
| AMR GEN CO | 49/8 | 49/8 |
| AMERADA HE | 27/4 | 27/4 |
| ANDERSON E | 14/2 | 14/4 |
| APACHE CP | 7/3 | 7/3 |
| APACHE PET | 2/6 | 2/5 |
| ARMSTRONG | 39/1 | 39/2 |
| ASHLAND OIL | 70/4 | 70/7 |
| ATLA PACIF | 7/0 | 6/7 |
| ATLS CORP | 35/6 | 35/6 |
| AVERY INT | 23/1 | 23/2 |
| AVNET INC | 25/6 | 25/6 |
| AVON PRODS | 24/0 | 24/0 |
| BDC INC | 31/0 | 31/0 |
| BEL CORP | 43/0 | 43/0 |
| BELO CO A | 30/2 | 30/0 |
| BETH STEEL | 21/3 | 21/0 |
| BEVERLY | 5/7 | 6/0 |
| BNK BOSTON | 26/4 | 26/4 |
| BNK BOSTN-A | 0 | 48/6 |
| BNK N-YORK | 34/3 | 34/4 |
| BNK TR-NY | 38/1 | 38/0 |
| BNKAMERICA | 12/6 | 12/6 |
| BIDKAM SPEC | 6/6 | 6/7 |
| BOEING CO | 57/5 | 57/6 |
| BOISE CASC | 47/1 | 47/3 |
| BORDEN | 51/2 | 51/4 |
| BOUTAER | 35/3 | 35/4 |
| BR TELECOM | 44/0 | 44/3 |
| BRIGGS-STR | 32/6 | 32/6 |
| BRIST-MYER | 40/7 | 40/8 |
| BRUNSWICK | 21/0 | 21/0 |
| BURD CO | 13/1 | 13/2 |
| BURNS P | 10/4 | 10/5 |
| CABOT CORP | 39/4 | 39/4 |
| CAESARS WD | 28/0 | 28/1 |
| CA FREIGHT | 22/4 | 22/5 |
| CAS NAT GS | 0 | 14/7 |
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| CATERPI RT | 67/7 | 67/7 |
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| CBS | 158/4 | 158/5 |
| CENTEL CP | 45/7 | 45/5 |
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| CHREHD CP | 33/0 | 33/0 |
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| CHUBB CORP | 57/1 | 56/7 |
| CHUR FR CH | 5/6 | 5/6 |
| CIGNA CORP | 47/0 | 47/0 |
| CIN MILACR | 25/2 | 25/2 |
| CIN CITY ST | 32/2 | 32/3 |
| CIRCLE K | 14/6 | 14/6 |
| CITICORP | 24/4 | 24/4 |
| CLARK EQUI | 35/0 | 35/0 |
| CLOBOX | 30/0 | 30/2 |
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| COMBLL SP | 26/0 | 26/0 |
| CAN PAC | 19/0 | 19/0 |
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| COLGAN CO | 38/2 | 38/4 |
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| FST BOSTON | 37/2 | 3 |
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| GAF CORP | 46/4 | 4 |
| GANNETT CO | 32/3 | 3 |
| GALVESTON | 1/5 | 1 |
| GATX CORP | 48/6 | 6 |
| GCA CP | 0 | 0 |
| GEARHART | 11 | 1 |
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| GEN HUSMR | 0 | 0 |
| GEN INSTR | 0 | 0 |
| GEN MILLS | 47/1 | 1 |
| GEN MOTORS | 80/0 | 0 |
| GEN SIGNAL | 54/5 | 5 |
| GENCORP | 19/6 | 6 |
| GENUINE | 26/5 | 5 |
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| GEO P&T-SO | 42/0 | 0 |
| GIBR FC CL | 3/1 | 1 |
| GILBERT | 1/1 | 1 |
| GOLDEN HUG | 14/2 | 2 |
| GOODRICH | 5/6 | 6 |
| GOODYEAR | 5/6 | 6 |
| GOUT INC | 15/0 | 0 |
| GRACE MR | 2/2 | 2 |
| GRAINGER | 59/6 | 6 |
| GREYHOUND | 30/4 | 4 |
| GRUMMAN | 23/0 | 0 |
| GULF RES-C | 14/7 | 7 |
| GULF-WESTN | 43/6 | 6 |
| HALLIBURTON | 30/4 | 4 |
| HALLWOOD | 15/7 | 7 |
| HANNA MIN | 29/7 | 7 |
| HARRIS CP | 29/5 | 5 |
| HARTNACK | 26/0 | 0 |
| HECLA MIN | 15/3 | 3 |
| HEINZ NJ | 40/4 | 4 |
| HEL CURTIS | 39/1 | 1 |
| HENL-PAYME | 21/4 | 4 |
| HERCULES | 48/0 | 0 |
| HERSTON | 0 | 0 |
| HENL-PACK | 53/0 | 0 |
| HENKEL CP | 36/6 | 6 |
| HILLBROOK | 34/6 | 6 |
| HILTM HTLS | 49/1 | 1 |
| HITACHI | 15/3 | 3 |
| HOBBS INC | 15/3 | 3 |
| HODY-NARIN | 27/3 | 3 |
| HOLDAY C | 28/6 | 6 |
| HONE DEPOT | 26/5 | 5 |
| HONE FDS | 25/2 | 2 |
| HONDA MTR | 0 | 0 |
| HONEYWELL | 70/6 | 6 |
| HOUGHTON M | 35/2 | 2 |
| HOUSTON IN | 31/4 | 4 |
| HUGHES SUP | 18/1 | 1 |
| HUNANA INC | 27/0 | 0 |
| IBM | 126/2 | 2 |
| IC INDUST | 32/2 | 2 |
| ICN PHARMA | 6/7 | 7 |
| ILM PAR CO | 18/6 | 6 |
| INCO LTD | 34/1 | 1 |
| INGRESS-LR | 43/0 | 0 |
| INTL MINER | 48/0 | 0 |
| JEFF PILOT | 32/5 | 5 |
| JER PU 8-5 | 0 | 0 |
| JOHNSON C | 33/6 | 6 |
| JOHNSON-JMS | 79/4 | 4 |
| K ARMY CP | 35/5 | 5 |
| Kaiser ALUM | 17/3 | 3 |
| KAN CI P-L | 29/1 | 1 |
| KAN CI P-L | 28/2 | 2 |
| KELLOGG | 35/0 | 0 |
| KERR MCCEE | 34/7 | 7 |
| KEYSTONE | 60/6 | 6 |
| KINC-CLARK | 60/6 | 6 |
| KLM R D AI | 18/5 | 5 |
| KRAFT INC | 53/4 | 4 |
| KROGER CP | 36/3 | 3 |
| LEA RONAL | 17/3 | 3 |
| LEHMAN | 12/6 | 6 |
| LEHMAN | 21/2 | 2 |
| LINCOLN MA | 47/4 | 4 |
| LITTON | 80/4 | 4 |
| LITTON | 45/2 | 2 |
| LOTTITE CP | 34/4 | 4 |
| LOUIS CORP | 66/1 | 1 |
| LOW-METTEL | 18/0 | 0 |
| LOWE STAR | 33/3 | 3 |
| LOWES | 21/4 | 4 |
| LTV INC | 25/7 | 7 |
| LTV CORP | 3/4 | 4 |
| LTV 1-25 | 4/4 | 4 |
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| LTV 5-25 | 0 | 0 |
| LUBRIZOL | 37/0 | 0 |
| LUBYS CAPS | 25/6 | 6 |
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| N MARIETTA | 44/3 | 3 |
| MA CON INC | 10/5 | 5 |
| MAXILLIAN | 70/3 | 3 |
| MANOR CARE | 10/7 | 7 |
| MANOR HANOV | 30/7 | 7 |
| MARLBORO | 30/0 | 0 |
| MARSHALL CORP | 29/1 | 1 |
| MATSU ELECT | 191/2 | 2 |
| MATTEL INC | 7/7 | 7 |
| MCA INCORP | 41/4 | 4 |
| MC DONNELL | 46/1 | 1 |
| MC DONNELL | 63/7 | 7 |

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| NRSH-NCLN | 54/4 |
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| FT 500 SHR | 1059.9 | 1059.9 | 1058.9 | 984.4 | 957.6 |
| FT ALL SHR | 970.75 | 970.75 | 969.90 | 896.75 | 870.22 |
| FT GOV SEC | 88.82 | 88.82 | 89.10 | 91.03 | 88.49 |
| FT GOLD MN | 214.10 | 214.10 | 215.70 | 237.3 | 302.1 |
| FT MINES F | 556.12 | 556.12 | 551.92 | 432.96 | 450.65 |
| FT OIL | 1863.6 | 1863.6 | 1875.1 | 1768.7 | 16636 |
| FT WLD DLR | 130.74 | 130.74 | 130.74 | 128.44 | 115.04 |
| FT WLD STG | 109.23 | 109.23 | 108.56 | 101.83 | 90.79 |
| FT WLD LOC | 116.54 | 116.54 | 115.83 | 112.29 | 99.08 |

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U.K. STOCKS EASIER, ROYALTY TAKEOVER A FEATURE
LONDON, JUNE 24, REUTER - EQUITIES STOOD LOWER IN LATE
TRADING MIDWAY THROUGH THE TWO-WEEK ACCOUNT, DEALERS SAID. THE
SLIGHTLY FIRMER OPENING ON WALL STREET HAD LITTLE IMPACT.

TODAY'S BIG CORPORATE STORY WAS NESTLE'S VICTORY IN THE
BATTLE FOR CONFECTIONER ROYALTY. SICHARD WITH NEARLY 30 PCT OF
ROYALTY, SAID IT WILL SELL ITS HOLDING TO NESTLE, GIVING IT
MORE THAN 50 PCT OF THE COMPANY.

ROYALTY SHARES STOOD 12P LOWER AT 1,064, REFLECTING MILD
DISAPPOINTMENT THAT SICHARD ACCEPTED THE NESTLE 1,075P PER SHARE
BID AND DID NOT FIGHT IT WITH A HIGHER OFFER.

AT 1430 GMT THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX STOOD 5.5 POINTS LOWER
AT 1,873.4 AFTER A FIVE OF 1,863.9 SOON AFTER THE OPENING. SHARES
FELL EARLY IN THE DAY BUT REBOUNDED TO YESTERDAY'S SMALL FALL ON
WALL STREET. VOLUME TODAY WAS A MODERATE 475 MLN SHARES AT 1400
GMT BUT THIS INCLUDED 142 MLN ROYALTY SHARES, THE MAJORITY OF
WHICH WAS THE SICHARD STAKE SOLD TO NESTLE.

"NOW THAT THE ROYALTY SITUATION IS OUT OF THE WAY, THE 200
MLN STG QUESTION IS WHAT IS SICHARD GOING TO DO WITH THE PROFIT
IT HAS MADE ON THE DEAL," ONE TRADER COMMENTED.

ANALYSTS THINK SICHARD HAS MADE AROUND 200 MLN STG PROFIT
SELLING ITS ROYALTY STAKE TO NESTLE.

London Gold

LONDON, JUNE 24, REUTER - GOLD WAS FIXED AT A SEVEN WEEK LOW OF 443.25 DLRS THIS AFTERNOON, COMPARED WITH A MORNING FIX OF 447.00 DLRS AN OUNCE AND THURSDAY'S CLOSE OF 448.75/449.25.

TRADERS SAID THE MAIN INFLUENCE WAS A DECLINE IN U.S. FUTURES, WHERE THE AUGUST POSITION DIPPED BELOW A SUPPORT LEVEL AROUND 450 DLRS. IF THIS IS MAINTAINED BY THE CLOSE, IT WOULD STRIKE FURTHER DOWN.

FIRMNESS OF THE DOLLAR ALSO REMAINED A FACTOR DEPRESSING THE PRECIOUS METALS COMPLEX AND PLATINUM'S AFTERNOON FIX WAS 3.75 DLRS BELOW THE MORNING'S LEVEL AT 555.50 DLRS. SILVER AT 1445 GWT WAS AT THE DAY'S LOW OF 684/686 CENTS AN OUNCE.

London Money Market

THIS AFTERNOON, JUNE 24, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES SOARED
 THIS MORNING, ENDING UP TO 3/8 POINT HIGHER, AS THE MARKET
 GREW INCREASINGLY NERVOUS AHEAD OF MONDAY'S BRITISH TRADE
 FIGURES FOR MAY.

DEALERS BELIEVE A HIGHER DEFICIT, WHICH MANY ARE ALREADY
 DISCOUNTING, COULD WEAKEN THE POUND AND USHER IN YET ANOTHER
 RISE IN BASE RATES. ONE SAID "THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT NOW,
 ANOTHER 1/2 PCT IS ALREADY WELL SIGNALLED IN THE MARKET."

THE KEY THREE MONTH STERLING INTERBANK RATE, THE BEST GUIDE
 TO MARKET THINKING ON BASE RATES, WAS 3/8 POINT UP AT 9-5/8 1/2

Foreign Exchange

| | DLR | STG | DMK | FFR | |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|-------|
| DLR | 1.7435/45 | 1.7443/50 | 1.7960/70 | 6.0465/95 | QPG |
| STG | 1.7435/45 | | 3.1325/65 | 10.5425/5575 | MD |
| DMK | 1.7930/8010 | 3.128/142 | | 29.63/79 | FIX |
| FFR | CLOSED due | TO BOMB | ALERT | | FIX |
| SFR | 1.4898/4908 | 2.5984/6017 | 82.87/97 | 23.62/66 | 1300 |
| HFL | 2.0230 | 3.5310 | 112.685 | 33.465 | FIX |
| ECU | 1.15749 | 0.663508 | 2.07862 | 6.99645 | CLOSE |
| SDR | 1.33085 | 0.795058 | 2.38462 | 8.03966 | CLOSE |
| YEN | 129.80/90 | 226.41/72 | | | NOON |
| SDR RATES | 23/06/1988 | | OTHERS | 24/06/1988 | |

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

| INDEX | LATEST | 1/PREV-DAYS/2 | PREV-OR | PREV-YR |
|-------------|--------|---------------|---------|---------|
| AUSTRIA | 317.3 | 318.9 | 320.3 | 278.4 |
| AUSTRIA | 204.1 | 204.4 | 205.5 | 203.8 |
| BELGIUM | 390.2 | 382.2 | 377.8 | 365.7 |
| CANADA | 375.6 | 375.9 | 372.6 | 363.4 |
| DEMARK | 430.4 | 425.9 | 421.5 | 370.3 |
| FRANCE | 363.3 | 360.4 | 354.8 | 290.7 |
| GERMANY | 176.9 | 177.2 | 174.4 | 166.3 |
| HONG KONG | 1975.2 | 1965.1 | 1946.1 | 1823.7 |
| FINLAND | 122.6 | 122.7 | 124.0 | 108.1 |
| ITALY | 401.4 | 398.6 | 397.4 | 404.7 |
| JAPAN | 1261.0 | 1266.5 | 1281.9 | 1269.3 |
| NETHERLANDS | 255.5 | 254.0 | 248.6 | 238.4 |
| NEW ZEAL | 98.0 | 97.1 | 96.9 | 98.9 |
| NORWAY | 498.9 | 498.5 | 483.6 | 475.2 |
| SPORE | 627.0 | 615.3 | 612.1 | 521.9 |
| SPAIN | 266.0 | 265.7 | 267.2 | 247.8 |
| SWEDEN | 933.9 | 925.6 | 925.7 | 856.8 |
| SWITZ | 159.3 | 158.6 | 156.6 | 147.2 |
| U.K. | 561.6 | 561.3 | 550.4 | 526.3 |
| U.S.A. | 253.0 | 253.6 | 247.4 | 236.0 |
| WORLD | 456.4 | 458.1 | 459.6 | 451.2 |
| E.A.F.E. | 854.4 | 858.4 | 873.4 | 868.9 |

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Wall Street Statistics * Composite

| NYSE RICHEST VOLUME | | | AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|---------|------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| NFRS HAN | 31 | + 3/8 | TEXAS AIR | 14 1/4 | - 7/8 |
| ATT | 26 7/8 | - 3/8 | DOWNE PETE | 1 1/8 | - 1/32 |
| ROCK GAS | 18 | UNCH | DAMSON OIL | 1/16 | - 1/32 |
| MID-SO UTL | 12 7/8 | + 1 3/4 | VANGUARD | 19 1/4 | + 3 1/4 |
| NOVA CORP | 11 | + 1/4 | HARRIS INC | 15 1/2 | UNCH |
| PLAYLESS | 25 1/4 | + 2 1/4 | INTL THORO | 5/8 | + 1/16 |
| PUTMAN GOV | 10 | UNCH | BAT INDS | 7 3/8 | - 5/16 |
| PT HON COR | 48 3/4 | + 1 1/4 | AMDAHL CP | 53 1/8 | - 1/8 |
| IBM | 124 7/8 | - 7/8 | LORIMAR TE | 13 1/4 | - 1/8 |
| OKY PETE | 26 5/8 | + 1/4 | HANG LAB B | 10 1/4 | - 1/4 |
| NYSE LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE | | | AMEX LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE | | |
| MID-SO UTL | 12 7/8 | + 1 3/4 | VANGUARD | 19 1/4 | + 3 1/4 |
| P SVC N.H. | 3 7/8 | + 3/8 | LIFE PHARM | 5 1/4 | + 1/2 |
| PLAYLESS | 25 1/4 | + 2 1/4 | SEC CAP CP | 3 | + 1/4 |
| KAMER EHR | 18 | - 5/8 | KAPPA NET | 4 | - 1 1/4 |
| VARCO INTL | 3 1/4 | - 1/2 | RESID MORT | 4 7/8 | - 5/8 |
| NYSE VOLUME | 76,181,500 | | AMEX VOLUME | 5,316,812 | |
| STOCKS UP | 396 | | STOCKS UP | 157 | |
| STOCKS DOWN | 670 | | STOCKS DOWN | 159 | |
| 23-JUN NASDAQ VOLUME | 164,034,500 | | | | |
| STOCKS UP 1073 | 998 | | | | |

Wall Street Market Report

New York, June 24, Reuter — Wall Street stocks slipped after blue chip issues erased early gains. Grunthal and Co's Alan Korman said stocks initially benefited from the dollar's continued advance but are now marking time until the end of the pre-weekend session.

The Dow 30 index was down seven at 2141 and declining issues had pulled even with gainers.

Gold and precious metal issues were lower as the dollar gained. Newmont Gold fell 2-5/8 to 43-3/8 and Sunshine Mining was off 1/4 to 4-1/4.

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BUSINESS

KD deposit rates firm

SHORT-DATED Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates firmed on Thursday as banks continued to buy a surging dollar, dealers said.

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar exchange rate nearly a full point softer to 0.27872/\$2 as the US currency gained in international markets on reports that the Toronto summit of leading industrial nations wanted a slightly stronger dollar.

Dealers said Wednesday's KD100 million three-month Treasury bill had also tightened dinar liquidity.

Overnight funds dealt at 10 per cent from nine per cent on Wednesday and were quoted 11.9-1/2 per cent by early afternoon. Tomorrow-next was put at 10, eight per cent, about one point above Wednesday's range, while spot-next dealt at eight per cent.

The fixed periods were quiet and virtually unchanged at 6-3/4, 1/2 per cent for the one-month, 6-5/8, 3/8 per cent for the two through six-month and 6-3/4, 3/8 per cent for the nine and 12-month maturities.

Commercial banks quoted spot rates of around 0.27875/\$2. Meanwhile, Bahrain, Saudi riyal interbank deposits held steady in early trading on Thursday but then displayed a softer tone as banks in Saudi Arabia put funds on offer.

Dealers said business was generally slack, with many banks holding back ahead of the expected launch today of a second 1.5 billion riyal (\$400 million) Saudi government bond offering designed to help finance an estimated 35.9 billion (\$9.57 billion) 1988 budget deficit.

The Saudi Arabia Monetary Agency (SAMA) injected small amounts of funds into the market earlier in the week and the market was generally liquid, with spot-next easing during the morning to 7-3/4, 3/8 per cent from early quotes of 8-1/4, 7-3/4. Banks expect SAMA to send an invitation to a second offering of government development bonds today, although no official confirmation has been forthcoming.

In the fixed periods, one-month funds were indicated little changed against Wednesday at 7-7/8, 3/4 per cent, but three-months were a touch easier at eight, 7-13/16 after eight, 7-7/8 and six-months eased to eight, 7-7/8 from 8-1/16, 7-15/16.

The spot riyal firmed to 3.7498/7502 to the dollar from 3.7509/12 on Wednesday.

Kuwait is a leading aid donor

PARIS, June 24 (KUNA): Kuwait has been among the leading countries in the world in extending economic aid to other developing nations, it was reported here.

A statement released by the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), said Kuwait offered 4.34 per cent of its gross national product to foreign economic aid in 1982, the highest in relation to GNP.

At the same time, none of the developed countries in the world offered more than one per cent of their gross national product for foreign aid.

Kuwait's aid as per cent of the GNP, however, fluctuated around 3.75 in the next three years, but then dropped to 2.91 in 1986 and was estimated at 1.30 in 1987.

The statement showed that Kuwait, which offered \$1.161 billion in 1982 to other countries in form of economic aid, offered only \$325 million last year.

The Arab group of donor states, which is primarily composed of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the UAE, have brought substantial economic aid to developing countries, the statement said.

Last year's volume of aid by the Arab group, which hit \$3.290 billion, was for the first time in 15 years above aid extended by the Comecon socialist bloc.

British media hostile against Kuwait: Al Rayes

THE Kuwaiti ambassador to London has accused British newspapers of campaigning against Kuwaiti investments in Britain.

Ambassador Ghazi Al Rayes said that media hostility to Kuwaiti investments in Britain was a fabricated fuss.

The London-based Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) has invested several billion pounds in British firms, including a share of around 22 per cent in British Petroleum (BP).

Some British papers and opposition politicians have said the BP shareholding, now under review by the State Monopolies and Mergers Commission, is against British interests.

"Some papers are trying to cloud the atmosphere between Arab countries and Britain with certain goals ... because these newspapers are paid or owned by certain groups," Al Rayes said without elaborating.

Bundesbank intervenes to halt rally

Dollar rises sharply in Asian trading

LONDON, June 24, (Reuters): The dollar today held its sharp gains reached in Asian trading, but the West German central bank stepped into the market in an apparent attempt to cap its rise, dealers said.

Share prices were little changed. London's FTSE index of 100 blue chip British shares shed 15 points to an early low of 1,863.9 before steadying about 1,870.

In Tokyo, the world's biggest stock market, the 225-share Nikkei average rose 17.46 points to 27,750.39.

Steadied

The dollar rose sharply in Asia and steadied in European trading at just below 1.80 West German marks and 130 yen, as currency dealers said they believed central bankers were prepared to let its two-day rally continue.

In Tokyo, Japanese Vice Finance Minister Akira Nishigaki said the dollar was climbing because the US trade deficit has been declining while inflation has been subdued.

"The fact that the summit nations reaffirmed their co-operation on currency stability should be taken as it is," he told a news conference.

Dealers had speculated that the Group of Seven industrial nations — the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Italy, Britain and Canada — might have agreed in their Toronto summit this week to let the dollar rise.

The seven said only that they



A clerk at the Bank of Tokyo changes figures on an exchange quotation board after the dollar hits a four-month high on Thursday against the yen. The dollar was at 128.65 yen at noon after opening at 129.80 yen.

a major Bundesbank preoccupation.

US Assistant Treasury Secretary David Mulford said overnight he did not expect any excessive exchange rate fluctuation in the near future.

Some dealers interpreted this comment as a veiled warning to speculators that the dollar's recent surge from 1.7550 marks and 126.50 yen on Tuesday was overdone.

African appeal for further debt relief

NAIROBI, Kenya, June 24, (AP): Africans have cautiously hailed the decision by the world's seven richest nations to ease their massive debt burden, but they fear it will not resolve the economic woes that effectively impoverish some 500 million people.

"We have reservations about the blueprint on Africa's debt," the Times of Zambia said in a typical African editorial reaction to the summit in Toronto, Canada, that ended on Tuesday.

"But there can be no doubt that it was the most significant in the series, particularly for Africa."

Refrained

The continent's leaders have pointedly refrained from commenting publicly about the 14th economic summit of Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, the United States and West Germany, evidently wanting time to assess the implications of the final communiqué.

In it, the industrialised powers pledged to do more to lift the crippling debt burdens of the poorest nations, particularly in Africa, but made no fresh initiative to help Latin American debtors.

The leaders who gathered for three days in Toronto, backed a plan offering a variety of options that will benefit most sub-Saharan countries including slashing of interest rates and scrap-

ping some loan repayments.

But those measures fall far short of persistent African pleas to mainly Western creditors to write off most of their \$200 billion in debts, and reschedule others, at a time when servicing saps most of their export income.

Message

French Finance Minister Pierre Bérégovoy said the move by most of Africa's major lenders offered "a message of hope to the poorest countries."

Earlier, French President Francois Mitterrand appealed to summit leaders to follow his government's example of cancelling one-third of all debts owed by sub-Saharan nations.

On the eve of the Toronto talks, former Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere reflected most African leaders' repeated appeals when he told reporters in Rome: "In the global village it is not possible for a minority of northerners to control the wealth of the world and hope to live in peace. Sooner or later it (the debt crisis) is going to explode."

Bankrupted

Nyerere, chairman of the South Commission set up in 1986 to promote economic co-operation between Third World countries, urged the rich nations to defuse a "poverty bomb" by writing off all debts.

Leaders like Nyerere argue

that they have been virtually bankrupted by foreign-fixed low prices for their exports and high costs of imports, particularly oil. But they resist some calls to arbitrarily cancel the debts, fearing they will be denied future credits and trade.

Some Western economists cite also natural calamities like drought and famine and man-made tragedies such as civil war, rampant corruption and government mismanagement for Africa's economic ills.

But all agree that most of the continent's 550 million people suffer from lack of development and limited spending on schooling, health and housing as a result.

The Toronto plan for the poor nations calls for creditor countries to reschedule official debts "within a framework of comparability," according to the final communiqué.

Options

But it did not hold the seven powers to any particular pledges, offering them instead options including reduced interest rates on short-term loans, extended repayment periods at higher interest rates, partial cancellation of loans or a combination of all those measures.

"It marked the end of the disturbing silence which those countries that Africa owes money had long maintained on the debt issue — arguably the

single most crippling economic

problem the continent has," the state-owned Times of Zambia noted in its editorial. "What we don't like ... is the overtone inherent in the remarks of the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Nigel Lawson, that the principle of full repayment of the debt is being slowly abandoned."

"It would be a sad mistake to create a situation where developing countries will borrow, use or waste the money and then fail to pay the loans to be written off or interest rates to be adjusted," the paper, which usually reflects President Kenneth Kaunda's thinking, added. "Philanthropy ... is not the solution."

Cautioned

Ahmed Abdallah, executive director of the Washington-based International Monetary Fund, a major lender to Africa, cautioned before the summit that developing nations would continue to suffer from indebtedness, current account imbalances, protectionism and general financial anarchy unless they are represented at conferences where global economic policy is fashioned.

"... the debt crisis is very alive and no end is yet in sight," he told bankers from 17 African states in Banjul, capital of the Gambia. "It seems that the debtors are now in a worse position than in 1982."

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, June 24, (Reuters): The share market fell to its lowest close of the week on nervous selling, as an early slump in the resource sector spread to leading industries. The All Ordinaries index fell 27.8 to 1,573.0.

TOKYO: Share prices closed mixed in active trading after limited bargain-hunting, but a mood of caution about the dollar hung over the market. The Nikkei index gained 17.46 to 27,750.39.

HONG KONG: Prices closed slightly lower after a day of active two-way trading. The Hang Seng fell 4.68 to 2,707.56.

SINGAPORE: Share prices recovered some of their early losses sparked by profit-taking and closed mixed. The Straits Times industrial index fell 0.75 to 1,082.69.

BOMBAY: Share prices were hit by nervous selling after reports that Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was preparing a cabinet reshuffle. Brokers said the market feared populist measures to recover ground lost in recent by-election setbacks.

FRANKFURT: Shares staged a sudden late rally to close slightly higher as a powerful rise in Siemens transformed a dull pre-weekend session. The Commerzbank index, calculated at mid-session, fell 7.6 to 1,430.8.

ZURICH: The market closed mixed on fairly high turnover. The Swiss index slipped 1.6 to 875.1 but dealers said the underlying tone was still positive.

PARIS: Prices ended 1.5 per cent firmer in active trading despite an hour's halt for the fourth bomb scare in a week.

LONDON: Equities were lower in late trading midway through the two-week account. The slightly firmer opening of Wall Street had little impact.

Zinc price hits a record high

LONDON, June 24, (Reuters): Zinc prices hit a record high in London on Thursday, spurred by car industry demand and orders from the Soviet Union, China and India, metal traders said.

Zinc, a galvanising agent also used in die-casting and in making brass, is the world's fourth most widely consumed metal after steel, copper and aluminium.

Prices for delivery of the metal in three months' time touched a record \$1,385 a tonne in early business on the London Metal Exchange, but slipped back by \$43 at the close of business.

Risen

LME prices have risen more than \$500 a tonne since the start of the year and traders see them going higher in coming weeks because of strong demand and low stocks. This situation has already caused some consumers to substitute zinc with other metals and plastics.

Yesterday, Norway's Norzink A/S joined other major producers this week in announcing higher prices. It raised its price to the record high level of \$1,350 a tonne from \$1,200.

The price of nickel, which has also risen to record highs on metal markets recently and like zinc is used in the steel industry, also looks set to forge ahead.

Supplies are likely to remain tight with demand booming and stocks 'down to the marrow', said Peter Salathiel, vice-president marketing for leading nickel producer Nico Ltd of Canada.

Speaking at a nickel industry conference in London, Salathiel said: "The price of nickel will rise until it chokes off, or preferably defers, sufficient demand to bring requirements into line with the limited available supply."

The high prices seen for nickel this year result partly from an unexpected 15 per cent jump in stainless steel production in

1987, Salathiel said.

Strong demand and tight supplies sent nickel for spot delivery on the London Metal Exchange to an all time record of around \$10 a pound (0.45 kg) at the end of March.

Salathiel reminded the conference Inco lost \$1 billion over the period 1981 to 1986 because of low nickel prices.

Agreed

Demand can shoot up unexpectedly while supply is inflexible in the short run and given these conditions the price of nickel will fluctuate, he said.

Higher commodity prices in general in recent months have raised concern about higher inflation in the industrialised world in addition to stronger metal prices, grain and oilseed prices have also surged on world markets over the past few weeks because of a drought in America's Midwest farm belt.

Meanwhile, in Geneva, forty countries agreed today to set up a joint consumer-producer copper forum which would conduct

market studies but which would not try to bolster the market in the way many producers would like.

The nations ended a two-week UN conference, called to try to fill what was seen as a gap in copper co-operation, without finishing all the negotiations on setting up such a group.

They resolved, without setting a new date, to meet again for two weeks "in order to conclude negotiations on an autonomous producer-consumer forum or group for copper."

Such a forum will not buy and sell copper to influence its price, commodity analysts said.

Argued

Western consumers led by the United States steered the negotiations away from allowing it to undertake its own market promotion projects.

US delegate Jon Rosenbaum argued that enough other copper organisations were already doing that, and the forum's main function should be to collect supply and demand data.

World oil prices ease

LONDON, June 24, (Reuters): Crude oil prices slipped slightly on world spot markets yesterday but trade continued quiet with no clear price trend seen emerging yet, traders said.

Despite recent worries about oversupplied markets, the falls in prices over the past two weeks has encouraged buying interest in North Sea oil, with traders seeing levels as now relatively cheap.

This, together with current good refinery margins, resulted in active physical business yesterday.

As a consequence, physical North Sea prices have not slipped relative to Brent speculative forward or 'paper' cargoes, as had previously been anticipated.

Otherwise there was no fresh market-moving news to influence markets.

Towards the close of European trade, North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded international crude, slipped five cents to \$15.15 per barrel.

The leading US crude, west Texas intermediate, stood 10 cents lower at \$16.40. The key Mideast crude Dubai was also down 10 cents at \$13.65 per barrel.

Latest spot oil prices — fob, dollars per barrel

| | June 24 | June 23 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| Brent (Prompt) | 15.15 | 15.20 |
| WTI (cushing, August) | 16.30 | 16.40 |
| Dubai | 13.65 | 13.75 |



OPEC's acting secretary-general, Abdelaziz Alwattari received at his office on Thursday Guoj Zhi Hual, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Kuwait. Talks covered oil industry developments in China and China's support for OPEC's efforts to maintain stability of world oil markets.

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|--|----------------|----------|---------|
| B.No. | Ships Name | Agent | Tel No. |
| 9 | Baltik | M. Bahar | 2433881 |
| 14 | Global Star | GH&Q | 4747815 |
| FH2 | Anwar SG | Sager | 2432692 |
| 16 | Komeshima Maru | Al Bader | 2433537 |
| 17 | Mykonos | ISA | 2441860 |
| 18 | Chios Dignity | Albader | 2433537 |

| SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--------|---------|
| ETA | Ships Name | Agent | Tel No. |
| 23/6 | Zarka | GH&Q | 4747815 |
| 23/6 | Oriental Highway | United | 2457958 |
| 23/6 | Ibn Shuhaid | UASC | 4843150 |
| 24/6 | Rashidah | GH&Q | 4747815 |

| SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------|---------|
| B.No. | Ships Name | Agent | Tel No. |
| 2 | Al Majed | M.A. Bahar | 2433881 |
| 6 | Sunset | RSMS | 2423642 |
| 15 | Anneget | Marafie | 2465645 |
| 18 | Willine | GH & Barber | 4842988 |
| 15 | Najdiah | KOTC | |

| SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------|---------|
| ETA | Ships Name | Agent | Tel No. |
| 22/6 | Salvanita N Barge | Sager | 2432692 |
| 22/6 | Mikhail Stenko | RSMS | 2423642 |
| 22/6 | Great Liberty | Al Kamal | 2425437 |
| 22/6 | Lelaps | RSMS | 2423642 |
| 22/6 | Ses Wind | Sager | 2423692 |
| 22/6 | Abu Basma | RSMS | 2423642 |
| 22/6 | Elbstrom | GH & Q | 4747815 |
| 23/6 | Vito | RSMS | 2423642 |

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IN FOCUS
The world today

A YOUNG Egyptian walks among the remains of a monastery camp site in Kousseya, 400 kms south of Cairo, that was ravaged by fire early on Wednesday. Forty-seven people were burned or trampled to death when fire caused panic during the night. (Reuter wirephoto)



SELENE, who is two years old, sits in what is being called the world's biggest shoes created by French shoemaker Gerard Bausiere. The shoes took seven months to make and weigh 35 kilos. (Reuter wirephoto)



POPE John Paul II is received on his arrival at the Vienna airport by Austrian President Kurt Waldheim. (Reuter wirephoto)

THE summer heat proved to be too much for a member of the Air Force honour guard being reviewed by US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci and Australian Prime Minister Robert Hawke at the Pentagon. (Reuter wirephoto)



ONE of the four Palestinian commandos wounded and captured on Wednesday in south Lebanon, sits blindfolded in a wheelchair in an Israeli hospital. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat is greeted by Yugoslav Communist Party chief Bosko Kronic in Belgrade yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



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SEHAK NOONIM, a Thailand Tobacco Monopoly worker goes on strike in an attention-getting fashion. He has shaved part of his head, holds a pet python and slips from a milk bottle. Noonim said he always protests in style when his union goes on strike. (Reuter wirephoto)



SOUTH AFRICAN Foreign Minister Pik Botha, wearing an Arab head-scarf, laughs while riding a camel during a visit to the Giza pyramids near Cairo. (Reuter wirephoto)



PRINCESS Diana wearing khaki overalls and protective earmuffs talking to a heavily camouflaged soldier on a visit to the Royal Hussars, who were on a military exercise on Thursday. (Reuter wirephoto)



NEWLY-ELECTED Socialist Parliament Speaker Laurent Fabius makes his speech after being elected. Fabius was elected on Thursday with 301 votes against 268 to former rightist speaker Jacques Chaban-Delmas. (Reuter wirephoto)



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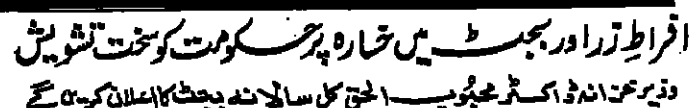
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SPORTS

FATIGUE MAY DECIDE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Dutch and Soviets set to clash

MUNICH, West Germany, June 24, (Reuters): Fatigue may decide the destination of the European Championship tomorrow when the Netherlands try to banish memories of their 1974 and 1978 World Cup final defeats by beating the Soviet Union.

Although both teams have played four demanding matches in the last 13 days, the Dutch have enjoyed an extra day's recovery since their semifinal triumph over West Germany on Tuesday. But it is the Soviet players who are likely to be the fittest and strongest when it counts.

Inaugural

Unlike most of the Dutchmen, who have slogged through a nine-month season at club and international level, the Russians, inaugural winners of the title in 1960, have been playing only since March when their new domestic season began. The previous campaign ended last November.

Furthermore, their analytical coach Valery Lobanovsky has programmed their preparations to ensure they reached peak physical condition for the semifinal and final. Their sheer overpowering of Italy 2-0 on Wednesday was no accident and will further strengthen psychological advantage gained from their 1-0 preliminary group victory over the Dutch in Cologne on June 12.

The aggressive approach led to



West German police guarding the practice of the Dutch team this morning as they were called into service to move one of the goal nets around for the team (Reuters wirephoto)

three more cautions for the Russians, doubling their tally of tournament bookings. Only two Dutchmen have received yellow cards.

The Netherlands, by contrast, have been to the limit twice already — by the Irish in an opening group match they won 1-0 with eight minutes to spare and by West Germany, against whom Marco van Basten scored the winner in the 89th minute of their semifinal.

It is worth noting, too, that while Dynamo Kiev, who supply 11 members of the squad, were eliminated from the European

Cup in an early round, the Netherlands' principal clubs PSV Eindhoven and Ajax reached last month's finals of the Champions' and Cup Winners' Cup respectively.

Both teams, who supply 10 of the Dutch squad, looked jaded then and it is no great surprise that Ruud Gullit, who was expected to confirm himself in Michel Platini's former role as the prince of European soccer, has admitted to battle fatigue after inspiring AC Milan to the Italian championship.

Thankfully for the Dutch, their two most effective players



Italy's Gianluca Vialli (centre), goes flying through the air over the ball and past Soviet Union's Vladimir Bessonov (left) during the semifinal action on Wednesday evening. (Reuters wirephoto)

Frank Rijkaard and four-goal top scorer Van Basten are fresh after missing most of the season through injury and, in Rijkaard's case, a protracted dispute with Johan Cruyff, then manager at his former club Ajax.

Dutch coach Rinus Michels, like Lobanovsky an astute tactician and strict disciplinarian, faces an absorbing mental duel with his counterpart in attempting to ensure his own team's superior individual skills and great heart can triumph over the Russians' impressive athleticism, teamwork and detailed tactical preparations.

Probable teams:
Netherlands — Hans van Breukelen; Berry van Aerle, Ronald Koeman, Frank Rijkaard, Adrie van Tiggeler, Gerald Vanenburg, Jan Wouters, Arnold Mühren, Erwin Koeman; Ruud Gullit, Marco van Basten.

Soviet Union — Rinat Dasayev; Anatoly Demyanenko, Vladimir Bessonov, Vagiz Khidiyatullin, Vasily Rats; Gennady Litovchenko, Alexander Zavarov, Alexei Mikhailichenko, Sergei Aleinikov; Igor Belanov, Oleg Protasov. Referee: Michel Vautrot.

Barcelona on record shopping spree

BARCELONA, Spain, June 24, (Reuters): Barcelona have gone on a record shopping spree to try to revive their flagging League fortunes and challenge arch-rivals Real Madrid next season.

Despite poor profits last season, the club has signed Johan Cruyff as coach, dismissed 12 players and spent \$18 million so far to replace them, club sources said.

Barcelona could do no better than a distant sixth in the League last season but clinched a place in European competition by winning the Spanish Cup.

President Jose Luis Nunez set a previous record when he spent \$14 million on players in 1981, the year he brought Argentine

star Maradona for a then world record of \$7.7 million.

Uncharacteristically, Barcelona shopped at home this year. All 11 new players signed on so far are Spanish, and the Catalans will keep only one of their four foreigners — England's Gary Lineker.

West German Bernd Schuster, his contract with Barcelona expired, defected to Real Madrid. Wales' Mark Hughes returned to Manchester United for about \$1.8 million. Scotsman Steve Archibald is likely to be loaned to newly promoted Elche.

But Cruyff has set his sights on Brazilian defender Julio Cesar and talks are believed underway with his current club, France's

Montpellier which is asking \$3.6 million.

Topping the list of new acquisitions are three internationals from San Sebastian's Real Sociedad who finished second in the League behind Real Madrid last season.

The sources said the Catalans paid a total \$5.2 million for Basque striker Jose Bakero and midfielder Aitor Beguiristain. Defender Luis Lopez Rekarte arrived on a free transfer.

Broken
Among others signed are Miguel Soler and Ernesto Valverde from Espanol, Julio Salinas and Eusebio Sacristan from Atletico Madrid and Juan Unzué and Juan Goikoetxea

from Osasuna.

Meanwhile, a dispute has broken out over the fate of the 12 no longer required. Most of them still have valid contracts and said they would not leave unless paid off. Among them are internationals Ramon Caldera, Victor Munoz and Gerardo Miranda.

Cruyff, Nunez's 10th coach in 10 years and the third in 12 months, will present his new team on July 22.

Treasurer Carlos Tusquets has said poor gate earnings last season cut Barcelona's profits by more than four times to under \$860,000. He has drafted a budget of \$32 million for next season, up from \$25.2 million last year.

LONDON, June 24, (Reuters):

English champions Liverpool, the football League's top crowd-pullers last season, kick off their 1988-89 programme at Charlton.

The full League programme, published today, produced its usual interesting first-day pairings.

Runners-up Manchester United have a home start against Queen's Park Rangers, while Football Association (FA) Cup holders Wimbledon entertain Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur manager Terry Venables looks to start his team's revival against Coventry City.

Everton are at home to Newcastle and promotion duo Aston Villa and Millwall are also in opposition.

Takes

Middlesbrough manager Bruce Rioch will return to familiar territory on opening day, August 27, when he takes his promoted side to his former club Derby County.

Both Rioch and coach Colin Todd were key members of Derby's title winning side in 1974-75. Todd having already collected a championship medal in 1971-72. Between them they played over 500 games for Derby.

In the Second Division, Sunderland's bid to continue their climb back to the top begins with a home game against Bournemouth and relegated Chelsea start against Blackburn Rovers at Stamford Bridge.

Liverpool get an early taste of the challenge ahead when Manchester United come to Anfield on the second Saturday.

Esparragoza retains WBA crown

LOS ANGELES, June 24, (Reuters): Antonio Esparragoza of Venezuela held onto his World Boxing Association (WBA) featherweight championship by the barest margin last night with a 12-round draw against Marcos Villazana of Mexico.

Esparragoza, making the second defence of the title he won in March, 1987, built up an early lead. He then had to withstand a ferocious assault by Villazana in the final three rounds.

There were no knockdowns in the 126-pound bout. Judge Rudolfo Gil of Panama City gave the fight to Esparragoza 116-112, while judge James Jen Kin of the United States had Villazana in front 116-111. The third judge, Patricia Jarman of the United States, scored the fight even at 114-114.

Proved

In the end a one-point deduction in the fifth round against Villazana for a low blow proved decisive.

Head referee Larry Rosadilla of the United States not deducted a point on each of the cards, Villazana would have won the fight.

For Villazana, 28, who was trying for the third time to win a featherweight crown, the loss was especially disappointing. He announced his retirement afterwards.

"I've had three opportunities. I have fought too many years without winning a title to continue," he said.

Omens good for Aga Khan's horse

Kahyasi tipped to win Irish Derby

DUBLIN, June 24, (Reuters): The omens are good for the Aga Khan's Epsom Derby winner Kahyasi in Sunday's Irish Derby.

The last two colts to complete the European classic double — Shergar in 1981 and Shahrastani in 1986 — were both owned by the Aga Khan who looks poised for victory again in a high-class 11-strong field.

Unbeaten Kahyasi, currently 5-4 on in the betting, is to be challenged by Epsom runner-up Glacial Storm (3-1) and hours after (7-1), narrow winner of a blanket finish to the French Derby.

The last time the French and English Derby winners clashed in Ireland was 1983 when Epsom

victor Teenoso and Chantilly winner Caerleon were both beaten on fast ground by Shareef Dancer.

Fast ground is forecast again for Sunday's highlight of the Irish racing calendar on the testing Curragh course. Hopes of keeping the prize at home look slim as top trainers Vincent O'Brien and Dermot Weld do not even have a runner.

Newmarket-based Italian Trainer Lucan Cumani, whose last big Irish win was Comanche Run's Phoenix Champion Stakes victory in 1985, says of Kahyasi: "he is a jolly nice horse and he won really well at Epsom by one and a half lengths going away at the end."

Glacial Storm is trained in

England by Barry Hills, who provided Sir Harry Lewis, winner of last year's poor quality Irish Derby which was marred by a bomb scare. The start was delayed as thousands of fans were evacuated from the stands.

Glacial Storm did not appear to act on the switchback Epsom course and could be better suited to the galloping Curragh track.

With Irishman Pat Eddery claimed to ride in France, Gerald Mosse comes in for the change ride on Hours after whose narrow win in the French Derby has been played down by many critics because three lengths covered the first 10 horses home.

Walter Swinburn gets the ride on the other French challenger, Port Lyautay, a 25-1, outsider.

US Select rout Austrians

VIENNA, Austria, June 24, (AP): After a sluggish start, the US Select basketball team routed past an Austrian all-star team 115-46 last night.

Shelton Jones paced the American squad with 17 points with four other players in double figures.

Rex Chapman of Kentucky had 13 points, including three three-point shots within two minutes early in the second half. Edlen Campbell of Clemson also had 13 with prep star Alonzo Mounting getting 12 and Dan Majerle of Central Michigan 10.

The victory was the fifth straight for the American team on the tour to decide additional finalists for the US Olympic tryout camp in mid-July. There are 16 finalists already chosen players.



Ruud Gullit responds to a journalist's question by raising four fingers during a brief training session this morning. (Reuters wirephoto)

Iraq remain unbeaten

SEOUL, South Korea, June 24, (AP): Iraq's Olympic soccer team stayed unbeaten by downing a Hungarian selection 2-1 Wednesday night, while Yugoslav, Czech and Hungarian teams also advanced to the quarterfinals of the President's Cup tournament.

Yugoslavia's Velez team edged a Czech selection team 3-2, a Turkish selection edged Peru's Sporting Cristal 2-1 and Argentina's Gimnasia scored twice in the last two minutes for a 2-1

victory over South Korea's junior team in Wednesday's other games.

In this evening's quarterfinals, Iraq was to meet Nigeria's Olympic team, the Soviet Olympic team to play Hungary, South Korea's Olympic team to face Velez and Mexico's Atlas Club to play the Czechs.

Iraq and the Soviets both finished the preliminary round of the 16-nation tournament with three victories and no losses.

Top Kuwaitis to take part in Bahrain 4x4 rally



Al Wazzan: one of the favourites

KUWAIT's most experienced four-wheel-drive competitors, Tareq Al Wazzan and Eid Falah have confirmed their intention to contest the "BP 2000 Trophy" 4x4 Rally in Bahrain on 8/9 September 1988. Both can be considered among the favourites to win the 1988 Marlboro Desert Challenge.

Since the introduction of the four-wheel-drive series last year, both Kuwaitis have proved their increasing potential at the wheel of a Range Rover, which saw Al Wazzan finish runner-up in the 1987 Marlboro Desert Challenge and Falah win the most recent round of the Kuwait National Championship.

"I will be going all out to win in Bahrain this year, followed by second overall place last year"

said 34-year-old Al Wazzan who is sponsored by Marlboro.

A host of other Kuwaiti drivers including Ahmed Al Zafar, Tareq Al Alayan, Ahmed Al Hilal and Mubarak Al Omair are expected to contest this two day classic along with local, Saudi and other Gulf teams. Last year no less than seven Kuwaiti teams contested the Bahrain 4x4 Rally.

"All foreign drivers are most welcome to take part in our rally," says Sheikh Ebrahim Al Khalifa, chairman of the Bahrain Motor Club.

In all four BP 2000 Trophy events will take place after the summer. They are Bahrain 8/9 September 1988, Dubai 22/23 September 1988, Kuwait 20/21 October 1988 and Oman 2-4 November 1988.

Cardinals outlast Phillies

NEW YORK, June 24, (AP): Twenty years ago, Bob Gibson of the St. Louis Cardinals set the modern National League era record of 1.12 for pitchers with more than 200 innings.

Will history repeat? John Tudor, a current Cardinal, has pitched 83 1-3 innings this season with an era of 1.08.

Tudor contained his sensational pitching last night with a two-hitter — no walks, four strikeouts — as St. Louis snapped a four-game losing streak by defeating the Philadelphia Phillies 2-0.

"I had good control tonight. I was able to throw strikes," Tudor said after hurling the 15th shutout of his career but his first since he blanked the Phillies on Sept. 26, 1985, one of his 10 shutouts that year.

Philadelphia's hits were singles by Steve Jeltz with one out in the third and pinch hitter Bob Dernier leading off the ninth. It was the second complete game in 12 starts for Tudor, who started the season on the disabled list with a knee and shoulder problems.

Cubs 4, Mets 1
Greg Maddux, 13-3, earned his seventh straight victory and ninth in 10 starts and lowered his era to 2.14. The Cubs scored all their runs off Sid Fernandez in the first two innings. Andre Dawson had a solo homer in the first and Dave Martinez added a two-run shot in the second.

Yankees 4, Indians 3
Lou Piniella started his second stint as New York Yankees manager with a closed-door, pregame pep talk that took no longer than a couple of minutes.

It worked.
"I just told the players, 'Look, I'm going to be here for a while. All I ask is for you to play hard for me. You do that and you'll be in there. So relax, have fun, and play good baseball,'" said Piniella, who yesterday afternoon replaced the man who replaced him, Billy Martin.

The Yankees responded to Piniella's arrival with a quick win, breaking a season-long four-game losing streak with a 4-3 come-from-behind victory over the Cleveland Indians and moving within two games of first place in the American League East.

| Results | |
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| New York | American League |
| Toronto | Cleveland 3 |
| Pittsburgh | Baltimore 2 |
| Chicago | National League |
| St. Louis | Montreal 4 |
| | San Francisco 1 |
| | Philadelphia 0 |

Heavy rain may wash away Bin Sulayem's victory hopes

ISTANBUL: Heavy rain and flooding during the past three days may provide a major setback to Marlboro driver Mohammed bin Sulayem's hopes of victory in the European Championship, Marlboro Gun-aydin Turkish Rally.

Already many of the road sections and special stages of the 925 km long rally were declared impassable by the Middle East champion during practice. If conditions remain the same by the start today then the four-wheel-drive vehicles will enjoy a major advantage over the two-wheel-drive Ford Sierra Cosworth of the Dubai ace.

"We will have to turn the turbo boost down to avoid wheel spin in these conditions" declared team manager Bob Freeborough.

A record ninety two car entry from fifteen countries have been received for this year's event. These include the 1985 and 1987 winner Kalevi Aho of Finland and twice Turkish Rally winner Rene Kocibey.

No less than four crews will compete in the much vaunted Lancia Delta Integrale which has proved almost unbeatable in recent years. Even without the slippery conditions resulting from the rains, these Italian cars were expected to be among the top pace setters.

Already
"Good tactics are our only chance of keeping up with the Lancias" said 27-year-old Bin Sulayem.

The Arab champion along with navigator Ronan Morgan flew direct to Istanbul following their win in the Jordan rally last weekend. They have already completed their pace notes. As a 'B' seeded driver it is expected that Bin Sulayem will be awarded top seed for the start. Navigator Morgan However pointed out that this will prove a disadvantage in their efforts for a top result.

"It would mean that we will be clearing the route for the other cars and also encountering any surprises left by the floods" he explained.

Scrutineering took place yesterday with the start of the first leg today at 11 am. The first leg comprises twelve special stages on 131 km.

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., June 24, (Reuters): Michael Spinks admitted to liking some terror in his life and Mike Tyson talked about greed and pain as the fighters let their feelings show on Wednesday at the main press conference for their heavyweight title match.

Spinks, who will make \$13.5 million for Monday's fight, has made no secret about his being afraid in the ring, and that he realised boxing is a brutal business and that people can get hurt.

But on Wednesday in the cramped ballroom of Trump Casino, Spinks admitted: "It feels good to have some terror in my life, something that really frightens me when I wake up in the morning... going to the gym every day and going through all the stuff, taking the punches and trying not to get hit."

Constant
Spinks, a professional boxer since 1977, said earlier this week that fear has become a constant companion in every fight.

"There's nothing I can do but deal with it. When it shows up I say, 'wondering when you were gonna show up.' It's something comes around every fight."

How is Spinks going to handle Tyson?

"I can't tell until I get in the ring with Mike Tyson," said the 31-year-old Spinks to the 250 reporters and television crewmen packed into the ballroom for the conference, which included a satellite hookup for questions from reporters around the country.

"As soon as the fight ends, I'll be able to tell you," said Spinks,

who became the only light heavyweight champion to win a heavyweight title when he beat Larry Holmes in 1985.

The 21-year-old Tyson, by contrast, does not admit to being afraid of anything and repeated one of his favourite refrains.

"I'm the best fighter on the planet. No one can beat me," said Tyson who stands to make \$20 million for the fight.

But the man who became the youngest heavyweight champion in history gave a little hint that some of the controversy surrounding his personal life might be chipping away at his carefully constructed armour.

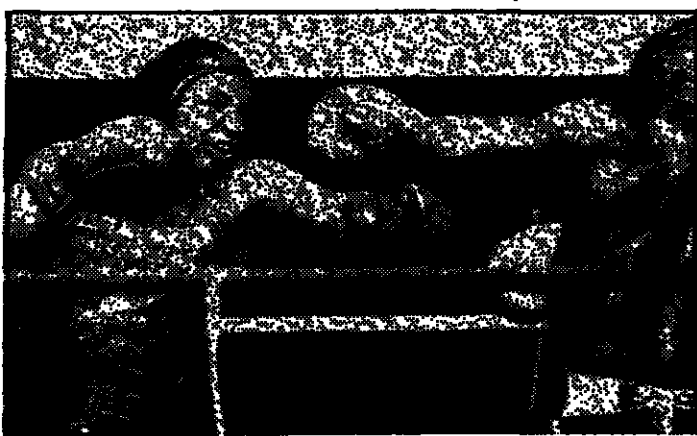
In recent weeks, Tyson has launched some strong verbal shots at his manager, Bill Cayton, for taking what the champion thinks is too much of a cut — 33 per cent — from Tyson's ring purses and outside endorsements.

Tyson also has accused Cayton of trying to break up his four-month-old marriage to actress Robin Givens.

On top of all this, the young champion has also had to contend with charges that his wife and her mother were trying to take his money.

Calibre
Asked if fame was difficult to handle, Tyson said: "The only thing that concerns me about being a celebrity is that when you're a celebrity, especially of my calibre, you make a great deal of money and once you make a great deal of money there's a whole bunch of greed involved."

But Tyson, who owns a 34-0 record, denied that personal



Tyson (left) battles a sparring partner during training. (Reuters wirephoto)

problems would affect him in the ring.

"This is a hurt business. Like I said before when you see guys like (hotel owner Donald) Trump, Kennedy, Rockefeller, the bluebloods and the distinguished, regardless of what they represent or their name represents, they come to see someone get hurt."

"So my objective is to inflict as much pain as possible for the fight to be over as quick as possible," Tyson said.

Meanwhile, Larry Holmes' former trainer, Richie Giachetti, who saw his fighter lose twice to Spinks and once to Tyson says Spinks will fail to take Tyson's undisputed heavyweight title.

Spinks is a loser, Giachetti told Reuters, because "he's not fighting as a heavyweight like he did when he was a light heavyweight."

"He's not stalking and setting

up opponents. He's fighting scared. He's just fighting to survive," Giachetti said.

"Now he fights like he's a professional businessman instead of a professional fighter. He knows he gets the \$13 million win or lose."

"When you do this in boxing, you've got problems. You're not competitive. He's just not hungry anymore."

"The only way Tyson can lose is if he beats himself," Giachetti said.

Rematch
Giachetti was Holmes' trainer when he lost to Spinks twice — in 1985 for the heavyweight title and again in a rematch seven months later.

He also took Holmes into the ring against Tyson last January, when the undefeated champion stopped the former champion in the fourth round.



Spinks knocks the speed bag off its holder as he prepares for the fight. (Reuters wirephoto)

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Soccer friendly

MELBOURNE, Australia, June 24. (AP) New Zealand held off a second half revival by Saudi Arabia to score a 3-2 victory last night in a friendly soccer international between the two nations at Middle Park stadium.

Welsh striker

LONDON, June 24. (Reuters) Welsh international striker Mark Hughes yesterday completed a £1.5 million (\$2.6 million) transfer from Barcelona back to English First Division club Manchester United.

Pakistan triumph

NAIROBI, Kenya, June 24. (AP) Olympic champions Pakistan pumiled the Soviet Union 5-1 in the second round-robin match of a second pre-Olympic hockey tournament at the City Park stadium today.

Zamalek triumph

CAIRO, June 24. (Reuters) Zamalek clinched Egypt's League Soccer Championship for the sixth time today, beating National 2-1 after their Cairo rivals had a player sent off.

English captain

MANCHESTER, England, June 24. (Reuters) England soccer captain Bryan Robson was charged yesterday with two drink-driving offences, police said.

Asian soccer

JAKARTA, Indonesia, June 24. (AP) Bahrain and South Korea clinched berths for the final round after blanking their opponents on Wednesday, the last day of Group D qualification round for the Asian Soccer Championship.

World chess

BELFORT, France, June 24. (AP) Joan Elvest of the Soviet Union moved into sole possession of first place yesterday in the World Cup Chess Championship with an eighth-round victory over Ulf Andersson of Sweden. World champion Garry Kasparov left half a point behind after drawing his match with Johann Hjartarson of Iceland.

UEFA official

MUNICH, West Germany, June 24. (Reuters) Gerhard Aigner of West Germany has been elected secretary-general of the European Football Union (UEFA) in place of Swiss Hans Bangerter, who retires after 29 years in the pos. at the end of the year.

Hooligan fans

BONN, June 24. (Reuters) About 1,200 hooligan fans have been detained by police during the European Soccer Championships in West Germany. Interior Minister Friedrich Zimmermann said today as officials braced for the weekend final.

UEFA chief

MUNICH, West Germany, June 24. (Reuters) European Football Union (UEFA) president Jacques Georges today welcomed British efforts to combat soccer hooliganism and said he hoped the isolation of English clubs would end soon.

LENDL SURVIVES MIGHTY STRUGGLE AT WIMBLEDON

Masur sends McEnroe tumbling out

WIMBLEDON, England, June 24. (Agencies) Australian Wally Masur derailed John McEnroe's Wimbledon comeback yesterday, defeating the three-time title-holder 7-5 7-6 (7-5) 6-3 in a second-round match lasting 2 hours 26 minutes.

The American's newly-acquired halo also slipped as the No. 8 seed had words with West German umpire Rudi Berger after receiving a warning for hurling his racket on the ground following a disputed point.

A packed Wimbledon centre court, scene of McEnroe's triumphs in 1981, 1983, 1984, saw Masur take the initiative from the start, never allowing the 29-year-old left-hander to get to the net.

Vowed

"If that's the best I've got to give, I'll quit tomorrow. It was a disgusting effort," said McEnroe, who had vowed he would never return to Wimbledon after his 1985 quarterfinal defeat.

"I just didn't get into my game. I just felt I wasn't in synch. I am lowering myself to other people's levels. I am not pushing myself to play the best I can play."

Masur, ranked 64th in the world, said McEnroe was only a shadow of the man who ruled the tennis world.

"I didn't do anything spectacular, but I was solid and that was good enough to win. I just know he wasn't the player of three or four years ago ... His concentration was sporadic throughout. It definitely wasn't vintage John McEnroe out there."



Lendl strides through a forehand return. (Reuters wirephoto)

The other top seeds all won with ease yesterday. Mats Wilander, seeded two, beat Canadian Glenn Michibata 6-2 7-6 6-4, third seeded Stefan Edberg defeated Richey Reneberg of the United States 6-3 7-6 5-7 6-2 and McEnroe's old sparring partner Jimmy Connors beat Australian teenager Jason Stoltenberg 7-6 6-3 6-3.

Meanwhile, world number one Ivan Lendl came through a mighty struggle for survival today, taking nearly four hours to subdue the challenge of giant

Dutchman Michiel Schapers. Lendl, the top seed, who has never won Wimbledon and finds playing on grass more duty than pleasure, beat the world's 43rd-ranked player 6-7 7-6 6-4 6-7 6-1 in a third-round match on number two court which has a reputation for staging upsets.

Schapers, who beat West German Boris Becker in the quarterfinals of the 1985 Australian Open and with his weighty serve is always a danger man on grass, looked capable of such an upset when he took the first set and had

three points to break Lendl's serve in the first game of the second.

But in the end the intensity of Lendl's desire to win one of the few major titles that has escaped him and his superior fitness saw him through to a fourth-round meeting with Australia's Mark Woodforde, who beat Italian qualifier Diego Nargiso 6-3 6-4 6-3.

American Paul Annacone removed 12th-seeded Jonas Svensson of Sweden, who beat Lendl in the quarterfinals of the French Open, from the top half of the men's draw with a 6-4 6-2 3-6 6-4 victory while in the third round of the women's singles Hana Mandlikova, the ninth seed and twice a losing finalist at Wimbledon, went down 6-4 6-3 to Anne Minter of Australia.

Minter's rival for a quarterfinal place will be unseeded Frenchwoman Pascale Paradis who has continued the fine form she showed at Eastbourne last week when she reached the semifinals. Paradis, who was involved in a 33-game three-set match in the second round, was extended to 35 games by American Robin White before winning 6-4 3-6 7-5. Sukova's fourth-round opponent will be American quick-change artist Barbara Potter, who took the broad hint dropped by the Wimbledon committee that she should keep her shirt on while beating Australian Jo-Anne Faull 4-6 6-3 6-4.

Mary Joe Fernandez of the United States beat Poland's Iwona Kuczyńska, who is rated the top disco dancer on the

women's tour, 6-4 6-1 but the number 16 seed's 'reward' was a fourth-round tango with Steffi Graf.

The West German, current holder of the French and Australian titles, had her toughest Wimbledon outing to date, dropping four games in a 6-3 6-1 win over American Terry Phelps.

Lendl against Schapers was a heavyweight match in every sense. Lendl is a big man but Schapers, at 1.97 metres, is even bigger and the two men produced a heavy-artillery contest that left the court surface looking as though a herd of cattle had been driven across it.

For the first half of the match, services dominated. Only once in the first two sets did a service game come under pressure when Lendl had to save three break points at the start of the second.

Results

Zina Garrison (US) beat Elizabeth Minter (Australia) 7-6 (7-3) 6-0; Anne Minter (Australia) beat Hana Mandlikova (Australia) 6-4 6-3; Mark Woodforde (Australia) beat Diego Nargiso (Italy) 6-3 6-4 6-3; Andrei Olkhovsky (Soviet Union) beat Chris Pridham (Canada) 3-6 6-3 6-4 6-3; Pascale Paradis (France) beat Robin White (US) 6-4 3-6 9-7 Helena Sukova (Czechoslovakia) beat Elavko Inoue (Japan) 6-7 (4-7) 6-3 6-2; Barbara Potter (US) beat Jo-Anne Faull (Australia) 4-6 6-3 6-4; Steffi Graf (West Germany) beat Terry Phelps (US) 6-3 6-1; Mary Joe Fernandez (US) beat Iwona Kuczyńska (Poland) 6-4 6-1; Ivan Lendl (Czechoslovakia) beat Michiel Schapers (Netherlands) 6-7 (9-7) 6-7 (2) 6-4 6-7 (5-7) 6-1; Henri Leconte (France) beat Barry Moor (South Africa) 3-6 6-1 7-6 (7-0) 6-1; Paul Annacone (US) beat Jonas Svensson (Sweden) 6-4 6-2 3-6 6-4; Tim Mayotte (US) beat Joakim Nyström (Sweden) 6-4 4-6 6-4 6-4; Pat Cash (Australia) beat John Fitzgerald (Australia) 6-1 6-2 6-4; Boris Becker (West Germany) beat Sammy Giammalva (US) 7-6 (7-4) 6-4 6-4.



A circle of ball-girls hold towels to shield Potter. (Reuters wirephoto)

Wimbledon chiefs move to spare ball-boys' blushes

LONDON, June 24. (Reuters) Authorities at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships have told US player Barbara Potter they would prefer it if she did not change her shirt on court.

Potter caused a stir when she asked ball-boys to shield her with towels while she stripped to her bra yesterday. Earlier in the week she twice asked girls to do the job.

Refuse

Wally Worfor, sports chief at the local authority which provides ball-boys and girls, said: "The children should not have to do this. It's embarrassing. But it's obviously difficult for them to refuse."

"I shall be telling the children not to participate in any towel-holding from now on."

Male players such as Boris Becker have regularly changed their shirts on court in recent years without creating a fuss.

But the All England Lawn Tennis Club, which organises the annual prestige tournament, said

in a statement it did not encourage the practice in either sex.

Potter, 27, also caught spectators' eyes, this week with her underpants, which bear the words 'Smart Ass'.

Potter was also warned for time-wasting at Wimbledon today when she took more than 90 seconds to change her shirt.

Potter, accompanied by a club official, left the court twice during her third-round victory over Australian Jo-Anne Faull to don fresh clothing.

Allowed 90 seconds to complete the task, Potter was not quick enough on the second occasion and received a code violation warning.

Tournament referee Alan Mills said: "If she wants to adjust her dress or change her shirt she's perfectly within the rules ... but under the rules she would be warned, then penalised a point, if she took more than the stipulated 90 seconds."

West Indies brush aside students

CAMBRIDGE, England, June 24. (Reuters) West Indies pacemen Winston Benjamin and Ian Bishop, neither of whom have played in the current Test series against England, were too much of a handful for the students of Oxford and Cambridge Universities today.

They took 13 of the 16 wickets to fall during the two sessions of play as the touring team won with embarrassing ease by an innings and 172 runs.

Resolution

The Universities, who resumed on 14 for four, in the first innings lost the last six wickets for 24 in 55 minutes and followed on 317 behind. But showed greater resolution in the second innings.

Bishop did most of the damage

by taking four wickets for three runs in 5.5 overs. The 19-year-old Trinidadian fast bowler, on his first tour and yet to win a Test cap, had David Hagan caught in the gully by Carl Hooper without addition to the overnight total.

Benjamin struck in his second over of the day by having Rob Turner caught behind, and the Universities had still not increased their score.

Simon Weale got a round of applause when he hit Benjamin for a boundary in the fifth over — the first runs of the day. But in his next over Benjamin made it 22 for seven by bowling Weale, and Bishop wrapped up the innings by taking the last three wickets.

Bishop finished with four for 12, Benjamin took three for 25 and Patrick Patterson, who

claimed two of the wickets yesterday, ended with two for two in four overs.

Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings 355 for nine declared (D. Williams 84, R. Arthurton 70, G. Logie 57, C. Hooper 51, J. Perry four for 82).

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES first innings (overnight 14 for four) P. Bail b Patterson 0 M. Crawley c Hooper b Benjamin 1 M. Atherton c Williams b Patterson 1 N. Foster b Bishop 1 M. Kilborn b Harper 6 D. Hagan c Hooper b Bishop 6 R. Turner c Williams b Benjamin 0 J. Atkinson c Patterson b Bishop 5 S. Weale b Benjamin 14 J. Perry not out 14 S. Sygrove c Williams b Bishop 9 N. Fenton b Bishop 1 Extras 0 Total 38 Fall of wickets: 1-0 2-2 3-2 4-8 5-14 6-14 7-22 8-26 9-30

Bowling: Patterson 4-3-2-2, Benjamin 10-5-23-3, Bishop 8.5-12-4, Harper 2-1-1-1.

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES second innings

P. Bail b Benjamin 15 M. Crawley c Benjamin b Patterson 1 M. Atherton c Williams b Benjamin 4 Kilborn c Logie b Benjamin 4 D. Hagan c Richardson b Benjamin 5 J. Atkinson c Benjamin b Bishop 38 Turner c Arthurton b Bishop 4 S. Weale c Patterson b Hooper 4 J. Perry c Hooper b Bishop 0 M. Sygrove c Walsh b Hooper 5 N. Fenton not out 2 Extras (b 16 lb 2) 18 Total 145 Fall of wickets: 1-6 2-50 3-54 4-70 5-101 6-121 7-129 8-129 9-138 Bowling: Walsh 7-2-17-0, Patterson 7-1-21-1, Harper 17-3-59-0, Hooper 3-3-1-3-2, Benjamin 10-3-18-4, Bishop 4-2-9-3. Result: West Indies won by an innings and 172 runs.

TCCB calls for fines to combat slow over rate

LONDON, June 24. (Reuters) English cricket officials want a system of fines at international level to avoid a repetition of the unreasonably late finish to Monday's play in the second Test between England and West Indies at Lord's.

Play on the fourth day ended 100 minutes after the scheduled close because of West Indies' slow over rate, prompting the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) to outline proposals to be put to the International Cricket Conference at its annual meeting here next month.

Teams must bowl a minimum of 90 overs per day in tests following a decision at last year's ICC meeting, but in the current England-West Indies series that figure is not being achieved within the scheduled hours or play because the touring team invariably use only fast bowlers.

Introduced

TCCB chief executive Alan Smith said today: "Now we have got 90 overs a day, the policy needs reinforcing. There were heavy fines (for slow over rates) introduced in last autumn's World Cup but they never needed to be enforced, just to prove it can be done."

"We are lucky in England because we have long evenings and play can go on, but what concerns us most is a situation in India, where an hour after the scheduled close, it is pitch dark."

"The only way to get the overs bowled quicker seems to be the introduction of a fine system in Test cricket as they have in Australia. We can't go on as long after the scheduled close as we did on Monday. That was totally unsatisfactory," Smith added.

Atlanta Classic

ATLANTA, June 24. (Reuters) Larry Nelson felt right at home, and rightfully so, as he fired a nine-under-par 63 to take the first round lead at the Atlanta Golf Classic yesterday.

Larry Nelson, who won a home 150 yards from the 18th hole, shot a 33-30 over the 7,008-yard Atlanta Country Club course, and held a one-stroke advantage over fellow-American Bobby Wadkins.

Kuwait's best being chosen for Games

THE chairman of the Kuwait Olympic Committee, Sheikh Salman Hmoud Al Sabah, said yesterday the best had been chosen to participate in various sports at the Seoul Olympics, scheduled for later this year.

Sheikh Hmoud added that Kuwait's main aim was not to gain experience at the Games

but to improve upon the position attained at the previous Olympic Games.

The Olympic committee chief said that his organisation was making all efforts to facilitate the selection of sportsmen for this event and was holding meetings with local sports associations.

Sheikh Hmoud said that all the teams due to take part in

the event were working hard to be in top shape in order to leave a good impression of the Kuwait sports movement at the Games.

The chairman, however, expressed regret over the absence of the Kuwait soccer team from the Games. The Kuwait team was eliminated in the qualifiers.

Wood Group score easy win over Canada Dry

By Gail Seery

WOOD GROUP demolished Canada Dry by 115 points to 75 in yesterday's Kapiklu Basketball Tournament match at the Kelian stadium.

This was easily one of the most uninspiring games of the day to watch, as it was clear from early on that Canada Dry were well outclassed by their opponents. So much so, that the Wood coach actually allowed both Tuadles brothers to be off court resting at once, without having to worry too much about what would happen to the score during their absence.

Mistakes

At times during the game it seemed as if the players had forgotten all about basic basketball skills, and we saw too much fumbling and too many mistakes. It all seemed as if it was too much for Canada Dry. With the score at 86:52 against them, and with only nine minutes left to run, the Wood team appeared at times to be treating it as something of a joke.

Then the Tuadles brothers were brought back onto the court, clearly to wake up the spectators — who had stayed away in droves. We were then treated to a family double act, as the brothers decided how many unusual ways they could pass the ball to each other.

It wasn't that Canada Dry weren't trying to stop Woods' score creeping beyond the century. There were moments when

Celso Tuadles (2nd left) prevents a rival player from scoring.

it looked as if something might be about to happen, but these were invariably followed by moments when it looked as if something definitely wouldn't, so that what started as a good run down court culminated in a pass to the referee — not surprisingly he didn't choose to catch it and the ball went off court.

It was all rather pathetic really, and judging from the number of bandages being worn by the players, a good deal less strenuous than their training sessions. The final buzzer was most definitely a relief to all concerned. Principal scorers for Canada Dry were Busado with 21, Teczon with 18 and Abendania with 17. Principal scorers for Wood were Celso Tuadles with 45, Enriquez (no 16) with 16, and Enriquez (no 18) with 15.

Wood have now won three games and lost one, putting them near to the top of Group B, but with both KPBC and Pinoy Res-

taurant in the same group, Wood are not likely to be finalists. Canada Dry have notched up four defeats and are at the bottom of the group.

In the earlier matches, Safeway were beaten by Arabiel by 72 points to 63. Principal scorers for Safeway were Saldia with 17, Cabral with 14 and Ocampo with 12. Principal scorers for Arabiel were Domingo with 15, Magallanes with 14 and Hoffer with 12.

In a very closely fought match, Cape beat KPBC by only one point, to finish 81:80. Principal scorers for KPBC were Sacuesa with 27, and Aggabao with 14. Principal scorers for Cape were Nabonito with 30 and Cuarema with 16.

Kay made a valiant attempt to take back the lead from Ric, but were unable to do so, and went down 85:80. Alexco beat Regency Palace Hotel by a hard earned margin of 86 to 73.

An Arabiel player scores a basket against the Safeway squad. (Photos by Amr Jadeed)

An action shot of the Wood Group-Canada Dry game.

Gardner needs win in Dutch GP

ASSEN, Netherlands, June 24. (Reuters) Reigning world champion Wayne Gardner of Australia desperately needs to snatch a win in the Dutch 500 cc motorcycle Grand Prix tomorrow to keep in touch with runaway championship leader Eddie Lawson of the US.

Lawson, riding a Yamaha, has taken four of the seven rounds in the championship so far and tops the standings on 125 points, 28 ahead of American Wayne Rainey with Gardner in third on 85.

Almost

Gardner, who won here in 1986, has been frustrated by problems with his handling, has yet to win a race this season, and there is no sign yet that his luck is about to change.

In yesterday's first official practice Lawson was more than half a second inside the Assen track record and almost a full second ahead of Gardner, who

Lawson (left) and Gardner (centre) in an earlier race.

ended up in third place, behind Didier de Radigue of Belgium. Lawson has looked invincible on occasions this season, and seems to be heading for his third world title as Gardner and his support team try to solve various mechanical problems.

The race could prove spectacular if Gardner decides to ride the risky race he did in Salzburg, when he and Lawson were involved in a fierce battle.

The Australian, who has been riding with three toes in plaster after a recent accident in testing, took big risks in the Austrian race with his hard-to-handle Honda.

The two men were locked in a duel at speeds of up to 300 kph for more than half the race before Gardner, who had drifted at high speed on to the grass verge several times, lost control of his bike and crashed. He was unhurt.

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